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ACTIVE PARENTING

A six week class of Active Parenting will start Monday, January 9, from 6:30 - 8:00 p.m., with Nancy Smith, facilitator. Please call her evenings, 744-4176, for information or Linn at 744-3239. Babysitting will be provided. This is an excellent program using video tapes and workbooks. It may change your whole approach to parenting!

ATTENTION CYF

Skiing anyone? We are in the process of arranging a ski outing for CYF and Adult Sponsors (Parents, etc.). We'll be going to Mad River Mountain in Bellefountain, Ohio on January 13 and 14. All those CYF age or adult sponsor interestee's should contact us here at the church office so we can begin making some definite plans! Let it snow, let it snow, let it snow!

Linn and Jeff

P.S. Cost will be around \$50.00.

EXERCISE CLASS

Interested in an Exercise Class to work off the holiday bounty? Call Sue Brey, 447-3540, for details.

CHEAP NIGHT OUT - SATURDAY, JANUARY 14, 7:00 P.M.

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ELDER'S BREAKFAST - January 7, 8:00 a.m., at the church.

FINANCE COMMITTEE MEETING - January 7, 9:30 a.m., at the church.

BREAD FOR THE WORLD - Tuesday, January 10, 6:00 p.m.

BOARD OF TRUSTEES - Tuesday, January 10, 7:30 p.m.

CONCERNS & JOYS

Rose Gaskill's mother died Saturday, December 24, in South Bend. Our love is with her and her family.

Herdie Helmuth died Monday, December 26. Our prayers are with his family.

Bert Leversee's brother died last week in Iowa. Our sympathy is extended to Bert and his family.

Dawn Bradford has a new baby boy, Wardell, born on Christmas morning, weighing 7 lb. 14 oz. Congratulations!



MUSIC NOTES

For all the beautiful music of the season we are grateful. Many thanks to each of the choirs for their gifts to us, and many thanks to Sam Smith for the gorgeous prelude of Christmas Carols before the 11:00 p.m. Christmas Eve service and to Julie Donnell for singing so beautifully a prelude of Christmas Carols prior to the Christmas morning service. Did you notice the world premiere performance of Curt Miller's Christmas anthem sung by Becca Olson in the 7:00 p.m. service?! Gifts they were to the Christ-Child and to us all! Thank you.

The Carillon Choir and the Chancel Choir will resume regular practice schedules on Thursday evening, January 5.

The Youth Bells, Creative Arts in Worship, and Youth Choir will resume theirs on January 11.

We look forward to being together again and hope one and all have had a well-earned rest and a happy holiday!

We invite all children grades 1-5 to Creative Arts on Wednesdays (6:30 to 8:00 p.m.) and Junior High Youth to their choir Wednesdays at 7:15 p.m., beginning again January 11.

Adults who enjoy singing are invited to the Chancel Choir Thursdays at 7:00 p.m. This is a wonderful time to begin with either of the three groups -- fun, fellowship, and making music a way of serving. Do, please, join us!

A PERSONAL NOTE

It has come to my attention that George Wascovich, minister of this congregation from 1956 - 1966, will be retiring on Sunday, January 8, from First Christian Church of Atlanta. The address there is 4532 Lavista Road, Tucker, Georgia 30084.

Dick

CHI RHO

The Chi Rho Twelfth Night Lock-In will be on Friday, January 6. Please let Hattens know if you plan to attend (447-2649). Bring permission slips the 6th!

HARMONY CLASS

Our Twelfth Night Parties are famous. Those who have come will attest. You may want to bring peas, but don't bring your trees. We hope you will join all the rest!

WHERE: Dick & Diane Mory's, 320 W. Concord Lane.

WHEN: Saturday, January 7, 6:30 p.m.

Please bring a dish to share. RSVP with Mory's, 456-3961, or the church office.

DON'T MENTION AGE (D.M.A. FELLOWSHIP)

On Tuesday, January 17, 10:15 a.m., we will meet at Edy's Ice Cream, 3426 Wells Street (park in lot between Edy's and McJon's and sign in at the office). We'll have lunch after the tour. Please RSVP at 744-3239. All welcome!

FROM PARSON TO PERSON

Dear Friends,

"AIDS" has become a horrifying word. At first, it was the object of sick jokes about homosexuals fostered by a culture of homophobia. But now, the problem has spread far beyond the gay community. Now we must all pay attention.

What is the Christian response to AIDS? However we may answer this, certainly compassion has to fit in somewhere. But compassion is not the usual first response we have. It takes time and experience for us to get to compassion.

A resource guide I read lately described five "stages of awareness" people move through on their way to compassion. I recognize them in myself. I wonder where you are in this process?

1. **Avoidance:** First we avoid the subject as much as possible. Even if we are aware of it, we deny that it will have any effect on us.
2. **Demand for a risk-free environment:** Our next response is to protect ourselves. We will demand safety and assurance that no effects of the disease will touch us.
3. **Realization of AIDS; it is; it's here:** Next we come to realize that the disease does exist, it is around us, and it is something we will have to deal with.
4. **Interest in self-education:** We develop an interest in knowing more. We have an intellectual curiosity about the disease, its causes, its effects, its prevention.
5. **Compassion for others:** Finally, when we have the facts, we are more able to respond with concern and compassion. We have relieved our fear with information and can move beyond the risk to help others.

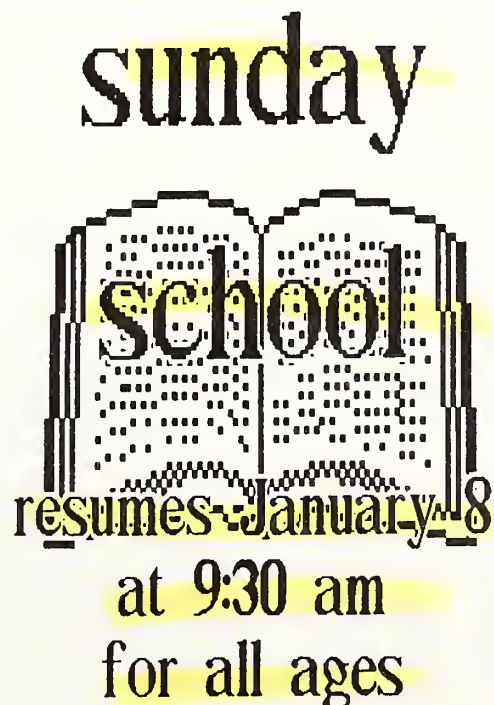
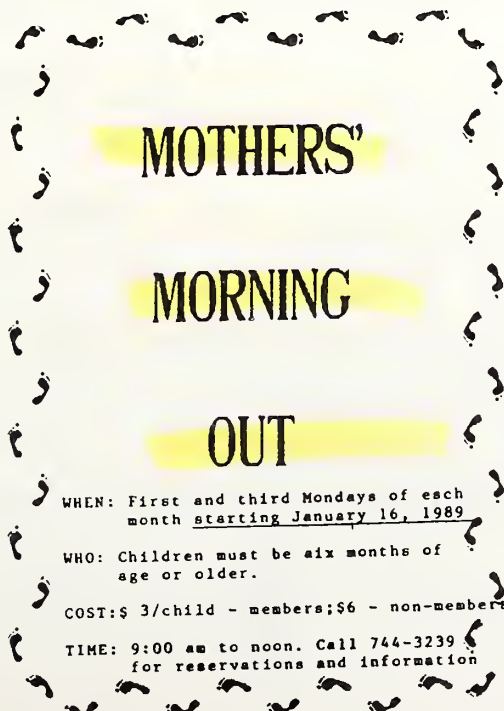
As you read this, we should be home from a relaxing visit with my family in St. Pete.

See you Sunday.

Love,

Dick

P.S. I'm writing this before vacation and, frankly, I'm not certain what I'll be preaching January 8 - but I'll be preaching something!



SERVING JANUARY 8

ELDERS

8:15 A.M. Sam Hayes and
Delores Keebortz
10:45 A.M. Liz & Wayne Johnson

DIACONATE & GREETERS

8:15 A.M. J. Young-SW, M. Novach-coff-NW, M. Snouffer, M. Ashton
10:45 A.M. L. Brey-SW, M. Hamm-NW,
D. Oden-SE, S. Oden-NE, D. Ross, D.
Miller, K. Feeley, J. Franklin

USHERS

8:15 A.M. E. Snouffer, D. Smith,
C. Bryket
10:45 A.M. C. McGrew, W. Westerfield,
T. Knuckles, M. Westerfield

JUNIOR USHERS

Alisha Stover & Kelly Walsh
HOMEBOUND COMMUNION
D. Keebortz - J. Bushey
T. Walsh - C. Falbe
J. Church - K. Feeley
C. Miller - J. Mey

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8:00 A.M. Elder's Breakfast/Study
9:30 A.M. Finance Committee Meeting
6:30 P.M. Harmony Class-12th Night

Party at Dick & Diane Mory's

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8:15 A.M. First Worship
9:30 A.M. Church School
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6:30 P.M. Active Parenting
7:00 P.M. Calling Night

TUESDAY, JANUARY 10

11:30 A.M. Rebecca Circle
12:45 P.M. Rachel Circle
6:00 P.M. Bread for the World
7:30 P.M. Board of Trustees

WEDNESDAY, JANUARY 11

7:00 A.M. Bible Study
5:00 P.M. Youth Bells
6:15 P.M. Chi Rho
6:30 P.M. Active Parenting
7:15 P.M. Youth Choir

THURSDAY, JANUARY 12

5:30 P.M. Carillon
7:00 P.M. Chancel Choir

FRIDAY, JAN. 13 & SATURDAY, JAN. 14

CYF Ski Trip

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Judy Mey's

BIRTHDAYS January 8-14

Mike Callahan (8)
Bill Schilling, Jr. (8)
Kim Gross (9)
Myrtle DelVinney (10)
Bev Kenn (13)
Mark Lehman (13)
Rychie Smell (13)
Lonetta Orr (14)
John Roush (14)

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WELCOME NEW MEMBER!

Donna McEvoy transferred her membership this Sunday. She lives with her son, Dustin, and daughter, Megan, at 1305 Trick Avenue 46808. Phone: 484-4888.
Welcome!

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SIXTH GRADERS will receive Bibles in worship Sunday, January 15, at the 10:45 a.m. service. If there are any seventh graders who have not received Bibles and would like to, please call Linn at 744-3239.

C.W.F. GENERAL MEETING, Saturday, January 21 at 9:30 a.m. Beat the winter blahs. Ann Raber, Wellness Program Director for Mennonite Mutual Aid, will present a look at what it means to be a whole person. A short, important business meeting will precede the presentation.

COALITION OF SOUTHSIDE NEIGHBORHOODS meets Tuesday, January 17, 7:00 p.m., at First Christian.

AREA I BOARD meets at First Christian, Monday, January 23.

CONCERNS & JOYS

Betty Hanten's granddaughter, Tamela, died Saturday after a long illness. Our prayers are with Betty and all the family.

John Weyer had surgery at St. Joe Monday and is doing well.

Charles Harshbarger is in Lutheran Hospital.



Pray for these...



REMEMBER IN PRAYER

IN THE HOSPITALS: St. Joseph: John Weyer. Lutheran: Charles Harshbarger.

AND OUR SHUT-INS: Regency Place: Hazel Cleaver, Anita Fitch, Gladys Hoop, Iva Imbody. Woodview: Arlynn Call. Brighton Hall: Gail Roe. Townhouse: Ruby Johns. Willow Ridge: Blanche Lehman. Byron Health Center: Esther Clipp, Roxy Wunderlich. Ossian Health Care Center: Mildred Tharp. Flinn Memorial: Pearl Heidecker. Norwood: Dwight Davis.

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OFFERING ENVELOPES for 1989 have been mailed. If for any reason you have not received envelopes, and you would like to use them, please contact the church office. Thank you.

PECANS! PECANS! AND MORE PECANS!

The C.W.F. still has lots more of pecans to sell. Contact the church office (744-3239) or Linda Stover (745-0252) if you would like to purchase some.

Watch Tidings for some delicious recipes that you can use these pecans in.

FROM PARSON TO PERSON

Dear Friends,

It was truly a great week my family and I enjoyed in Florida. The weather was great, my folks were well, a good time was had by all! It was good to get away, and it's good to be back!

In a conversation the other day, this idea came up: "few people learn anything after about age 20.....after 20 they just reconfirm over and over what their prejudices and youthful knowledge suggest."

I hate to think this is true, and yet it does have an air of truth about it for many people. It made me think, "do I really listen with an open mind when someone with a different perspective speaks? Or do I just reject everything s/he says out of hand?"

Learning should be a lifetime proposition, I think we would all agree. But to really learn, we have to remain truly open to new ideas and data. This takes a lot of energy; it represents a discipline.

It seems to me that many of the world's problems continue because leaders of nations tend to see the world as it was 20 to 50 years ago, rather than as it really is today.....therefore, their responses to events are anachronistic. The same problem plagues churches, businesses, and yes, individuals.

If we are to learn, we might first be willing to temporarily "suspend" what we already "know" and believe to be true.

It was because the Pharisees couldn't get past what they already "knew" that they couldn't grasp the truth that was in Jesus Christ -- the truth that sets us free.

Let's all try to learn something this week!

See you Sunday!

Love,

Dick

P.S. My sermon Sunday will be entitled, "A Modern Day Prophet." Read Micah 6:6-8.

MOTHERS'

MORNING

OUT

WHEN: First and third Mondays of each month starting January 16, 1989

WHO: Children must be six months of age or older.

COST: \$ 3/child - members; \$6 - non-members

TIME: 9:00 am to noon. Call 744-3239 for reservations and information

WEEK OF COMPASSION REPORT - ARMENIA

80,000 may have perished from the December 7 earthquake on the Soviet-Turkish border. Tens of thousands are injured and homeless. Suffering is intensified by cold weather. Damage is also reported in Turkey.

Week of Compassion made immediate response to support a Church World Service airlift of medicine, blankets and warm clothing. A CWS appeal for \$1 million has been launched. A World Council of Churches task force arrived in the stricken area on December 10 to help assess needs. Response will be co-ordinated through Armenian churches. Week of Compassion offerings enable Disciples to share in compassionate ecumenical response.

Larry D. Tankersley, Administrative
Director

Week of Compassion P.O. Box 1986
Indianapolis, IN 46206

SERVING JANUARY 15

ELDERS

8:15 A.M. Dwain Graham and
Bill Johnson
10:45 A.M. Don Kampenga and
John Ohneck

DIACONATE & GREETERS

8:15 A.M. K. Graham-SW, N. Menne-
wisch-NW, K. Tobias, D. Harter
10:45 A.M. B. Kerley-SW, S. Kerley-
NW, D. Kreischer-SE, S. Callahan-NE,
M. Knudsen, D. Knudsen, J. McGrew,
M. Hamm

GREETERS

8:15 A.M. Nick&Alison Knappenberger
10:45 A.M. Terry & Mary King

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D. Schmidt
10:45 A.M. C. McGrew, W. Wester-
field, H. Nordblom, H. Banet

JUNIOR USHERS

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ACOLYTES

Michael Stow & Kyle Kerley
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Connie Long & Deb Rinker

LAY WORSHIP LEADERS

8:15 A.M. Paul Champion
10:45 A.M. Nedra Feeley

BIRTHDAYS continued

Chip Olson (19)
Mark Snyder (20)
Michael Stone (20)
Daniel Aven (21)
Jim Plummer (21)
Jim Bushey (21)
Heath Hudlow (21)

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MONDAY, JANUARY 16

8:30 A.M. Staff Meeting
9:00 A.M. Mother's Morning Out
0:30 A.M. Monday Morning Study Group
6:30 P.M. Active Parenting
7:00 P.M. Calling Night
7:00 P.M. Exercise Class

TUESDAY, JANUARY 17

10:15 A.M. D.M.A. Tour at Edy's Ice
Cream Shop
7:00 P.M. Coalition of South Side
Neighborhoods

WEDNESDAY, JANUARY 18

7:00 A.M. Bible Study
5:00 P.M. Youth Bells
6:15 P.M. Chi Rho
6:30 P.M. Creative Arts in Worship,
Grades 1-5

7:00 P.M. Exercise Class
7:15 P.M. Youth Choir

THURSDAY, JANUARY 19

5:30 P.M. Carillon
7:00 P.M. Chancel Choir

SATURDAY, JANUARY 21

8:00 A.M. Sunshine Committee
Breakfast
9:30 A.M. C.W.F. General Meeting &
Program

BIRTHDAYS January 15-21

Missy Chapin (15)
Mike Mullen (15)
Jeff Young (15)
Calvin Jones (17)
Leann Penny (17)
Phyllis Brickley (18)
David Alexander (19)
Robert Finkhousen (19)

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WELCOME NEW MEMBERS!

The Murrays, Charles, Suzanne, Chris, Scott, and Jeff, transferred their membership from the Methodist Church. They live at 103 S. Seminole Circle 46807, phone number is 456-8881. Seek them out and bid them welcome!

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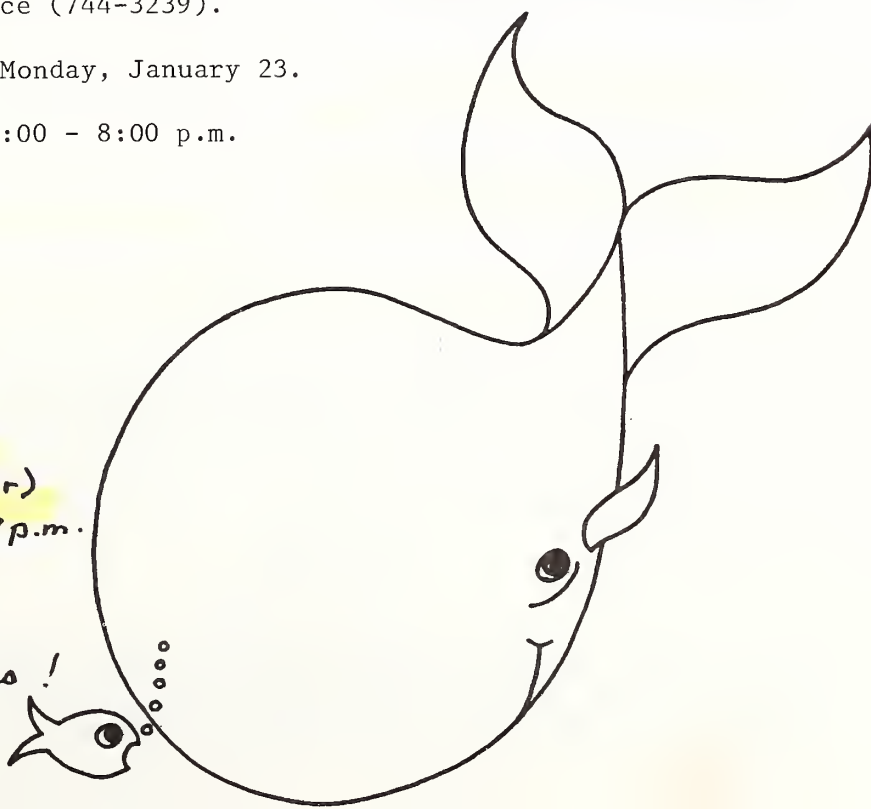
The following Sundays are open for flower remembrances: January 29, February 2, and March 2. Anyone wishing to provide sanctuary flowers on these Sundays contact Erma Vanderwall (484-7878) or the church office (744-3239).

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COMMITTEES meet, Tuesday, January 24, 7:00 - 8:00 p.m.

Oh, Jonah!

For Kids, grades 1-8
Creative Arts - 6:30 to 8 p.m.
Chi Rho - 6:15 to 7:15 (includes supper)
Junior High Chorus for Jonah - 7:15 to 8 p.m.
Working together Wednesdays!
to present the Musical Oh, Jonah!
on Sunday, April 30.
Please come and have fun with us!



CONCERNS & JOYS

Everett Ehreshman is in St. Joseph Hospital undergoing tests and changes of medication.

Margaret Snouffer is in Lutheran Hospital.

Mark and Julie Mishlen are the proud new parents of Mara Layne, born January 6. The Mishlens have been visiting First Christian Church. Congratulations!



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SUGAR COATED PECANS

1 egg white	1 c. sugar
1 tbsp. water	1 tsp. salt
1 lb. pecans	1 tsp. cinnamon

Mix egg white and water; add pecans to moisten. Mix sugar, salt and cinnamon; pour over pecans, mixing well to coat. Spread on well-greased cookie sheet. Bake in 300-degree oven for 45 to 50 minutes, stirring occasionally.

FROM PARSON TO PERSON

Dear Friends,

I was very pleased with the response to my sermon Sunday, "A Modern Day Prophet." If you are interested in reading more about Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr., I recommend "Let The Trumpet Sound," by Stephen B. Oates, published in 1982 by Plume. It is available in paperback at local bookstores.

I am really looking forward to having Ian Rolland with us Sunday. Ian is an outstanding example of a C.E.O. who believes that corporations have responsibilities beyond just making a profit. He has been an activist in our town and served the city in many significant ways.

Sunday afternoon I hope many of us can be present to support Don Hamilton in his ordination at 4:00 p.m. It was while Don and Denise were with us that he found vocational clarity and entered hospital chaplaincy.

On Sunday, January 29, 7:00 p.m., at Plymouth Congregational, there will be a special service commemorating the life of Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr.. I am on the steering committee for this service and believe it will be worth your time if you can attend. A reception will follow. Everyone is invited.

I hope you have a great week. See you Sunday!

Love,

Dick

ATTENTION ALL COMMITTEE MEMBERS!

A change of time from 7:00 p.m. to 7:30 p.m. on the regular 4th Tuesday night of the month for committee meetings is being considered. If the later hour would be a problem for you, please tell a staff person or call the church office. Thanks very much.

FOUND: A child's silver turquoise ring in Fellowship Hall on Sunday, January 15. Call the church office to claim it.

THANK YOU

A great big thank you to Chi Rho kids and advisors Charles and Teresa Hatten for taking down and putting away the Christmas decorations during their Twelfth Night Lock-In and their meeting Wednesday, January 11.



YOU ARE INVITED

Newly formed this program year has been a Discipleship Class meeting during the Sunday School hour. It may be of particular interest to adults new to the Christian Church, Disciples of Christ. Several subjects have been covered in units of varying lengths. At present, Helen is teaching the history of worship, and how and why we as Christians (Disciples) worship as we do now. Please come and join us in discussion and fun - 9:30 a.m. Sundays.

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8:15 A.M. Dick Mory
10:45 A.M. Tom Walsh

BIRTHDAYS (continued)

Karen Bushey (27)
Metta Stucky (27)
Bill Kenley (28)
Wade Smith (28)
Mike Walsh (28)

CHURCH CALENDAR

SATURDAY, JANUARY 21

8:00 A.M. Sunshine Committee
Breakfast
9:30 A.M. C.W.F. General Meeting &
Program

SUNDAY, JANUARY 22

8:15 A.M. First Worship
9:30 A.M. Church School
9:30 A.M. Senior High Forum
10:45 A.M. Second Worship
4:00 P.M. Don Hamilton's Ordination
6:15 P.M. Prayer Service

MONDAY, JANUARY 23

8:30 A.M. Staff Meeting
6:30 P.M. Active Parenting
6:30 P.M. Area I Board at FCC
7:00 P.M. Calling Night
7:00 P.M. Exercise Class

TUESDAY, JANUARY 24

7:00 P.M. Committee Meetings

WEDNESDAY, JANUARY 25

5:00 P.M. Youth Bells
6:15 P.M. Chi Rho
6:30 P.M. Creative Arts in Worship,
Grades 1-5
7:00 P.M. Exercise Class
7:15 P.M. Youth Choir

THURSDAY, JANUARY 26

5:30 P.M. Carillon
7:00 P.M. Chancel Choir

SATURDAY, JANUARY 28

10:00 A.M. Sherwood/Pettit Association

BIRTHDAYS January 22-28

Harriett Cole (23)
Gladys Hoop (23)
Delores Keebontz (23)
Mimi Westerfield (24)
Phyllis Tryon (24)
Marilyn Rieke (25)
Dorothy Schmidt (25)
Linda Stover (25)
Janet Weicken (25)
Virginia Dane (26)
Dorothy Green (27)

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GENERAL ASSEMBLY DELEGATES NEEDED!

The Biennial General Assembly of The Christian Church (Disciples of Christ) will be close by this summer! Indianapolis, July 28-August 2!

If you would like to be one of our voting delegates (we are entitled to two), please call the church office today. We need to approve these persons at Board meeting soon.

The General Assembly is a great time of inspiration, learning, and fun. Some 12,000 people will gather for great music and preaching, and to do the business of the Church.

Even if you wish to go as a non-voting delegate, give the office a call so we can get registration and housing forms to you. Hotels will fill up fast!

MARTIN LUTHER KING, JR. COMMEMORATIVE SERVICE

January 29, 7:00 p.m. at Plymouth Congregational (501 W. Berry). Great music, inspiring speaker. Come and share this experience: black and white Christians worshipping God together!

THERAPY GROUP FOR WOMEN SURVIVORS OF CHILD SEXUAL ABUSE

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NOTICE: Due to the scheduling of the significant service at Plymouth Church downtown in honor of Dr. Martin Luther King at 7:00 p.m., we are rescheduling the Prayer Service this week from 6:15 back to 6:00 p.m. until 6:45. Jeff will be going immediately to the service if anyone is interested in going along with him.

SATURDAY, FEBRUARY 4, 9:00 a.m.

CWF Nominating Committee Meeting with Dick Hamm as Convenor.

ASH WEDNESDAY SERVICE: Wednesday, February 8, 7:30 p.m.

CONCERNS & JOYS

Congratulations to Jane and Joe Wagoner, proud parents of Amanda Elizabeth, born January 19, 7 lbs. 11 oz., 21½" long! Jack & Janet Weicker are the grandparents.

Jason Krull had surgery this week, but is home and doing well.

Marge Thomas expects to be home from Lutheran soon.



Pray for these...



REMEMBER IN PRAYER

IN THE HOSPITALS: Lutheran: Marge Thomas.

AND OUR SHUT-INS: Regency Place: Hazel Cleaver, Anita Fitch, Gladys Hoop, Iva Imbody. Woodview: Arlynn Call. Brighton Hall: Gail Roe. Townhouse: Ruby Johns. Willow Ridge: Blanche Lehman. Byron Health Center: Esther Clipp, Roxy Wunderlich. Ossian Health Care Center: Mildred Tharp. Flinn Memorial: Pearl Heidecker. Norwood: Dwight Davis.

AT HOME: Cora Ann Harnish, Mary Higgins, Florence Huddleston, Irene Kissinger, Ruby Kolkman, Edythe Metcalf, Ruth Norton, Opal Perkins, Mary Piatt, Ralph Reynolds, Helen Sheerin, Thelma Swift, and Ardith Wrisk.

DISCOVER EDU-CARE '89



The 13th General Edu-Care

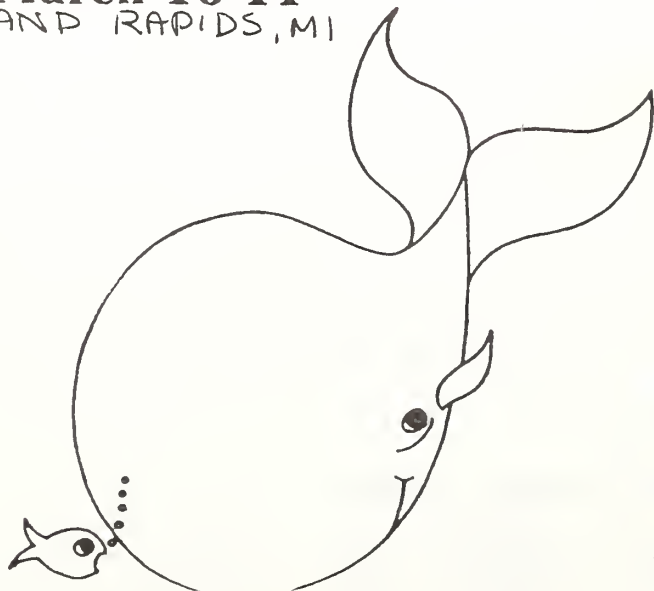
February 17-18
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March 10-11
GRAND RAPIDS, MI

Workshops include: Why God?; Moving as the Spirit Moves; Sharpening Your Teaching Skills with Pre-school Children; Sharpening Your Teaching Skills with Elementary Children; Christian Care Giving; Sarah, Lydia, and Me; How Can We Involve More Young Adults?; Ministry With Youth; The Thread Within; Making It Happen in the Church Education Program...The Role of Administration; Being Transformed - Bible Stories for Adults; Draw Me a Family; Personality Traits and Leadership; and Trip-Tik for Your Spiritual Journey.

PURPOSE: To provide specific leadership training opportunities for congregational leaders to enable them to discover the potential for creative service in their total church program.

Scholarships available. Call Linn, 744-3239, for registration information.



Oh, Jonah!

For Kids, grades 1-8

Creative Arts - 6:30 to 8 p.m.

Chi Rho - 6:15 to 7:15 (includes supper)

Junior High Chorus for Jonah - 7:15 to 8 p.m.

Working together Wednesdays!

to present the Musical Oh, Jonah!

on Sunday, April 30.

Please come and have fun with us!

FROM PARSON TO PERSON

Dear Friends,

I must say that I was impressed with President Bush's inaugural address, and I'm also pleased with many of the appointments he has made. Whatever our party affiliation, we need to lift up this new President (and Congress, for that matter) in our prayers. There is much to do as a nation toward peace, economic security, and justice.

It was great to have Ian Rolland with us Sunday. I think there was a lot of meat in his message. What he said was as applicable to employees as to employers, in my judgement. It works both ways.

Before services, Ian and I were talking about how different a church setting is for a speaker than, say, a business meeting. I realized he probably felt a little "out of his element." Secretly I probably hoped so, because I always feel a little "out of my element" when I speak to business groups, clubs, etc.! Kind of nice to know I'm not the only one who experiences that feeling! We are creatures of habit, aren't we?

It's hard to believe, but Lent is nearly upon us! Easter is early this year. Seems like spring is too - can you imagine, we have daffodils coming up in our back yard! Of course, they may regret it soon! But it's hard to keep spring at bay - life just wants to move and grow by its very nature.....in fact, by God's very nature!

I hope you have a great week. What signs of Spring can you detect in your own being?

See you Sunday!

Love,

Dick

P.S. Sunday, I'll be preaching on "Transfiguration," based on Luke 9:28-36.

Hello Everyone,

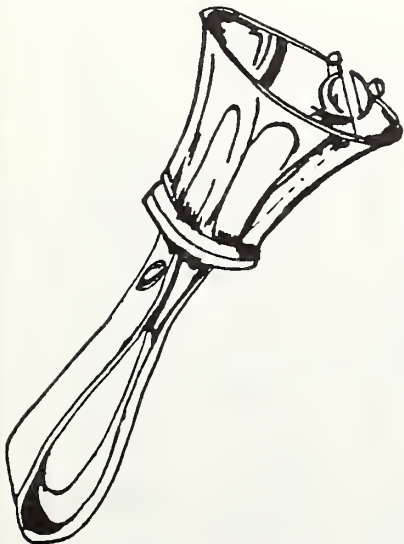
I wanted to let you know that as time passes here at First, I am learning to appreciate more and more of what you are all about. I have had the opportunity to visit you in your houses, go out with you for "chips and sauce" and to just sit and talk. I hope the quality of our relationship continues to grow over the next several months and on into the summer. Some of you I haven't talked to for a while and I miss that. We've just been missing each other I guess.

Classes at CTS start again this week and I'll be back with my "nose to the grindstone." It's been a good break, and long enough too, so I'm ready to get started again.

One of my special responsibilities is leading the prayer service on Sunday nights. I think those who have come have been enriched. And I think that is what God wants with us...a relationship that is enriching us and those around us everyday. Let's continue to grow in depth of knowledge and insight...pressing on toward the goals God has for us and the world!

Peace,

Jeff



THREE RIVERS HANDBELL FESTIVAL

First Christian's adult handbell choir, The Carillon, will be taking part in the Three Rivers Handbell Festival on Saturday, January 28 at Concordia High School. The Festival begins at 8:30 a.m. with rehearsals and classes all day.

At 5:00 in the afternoon all of the handbell choirs taking part will be heard in a mass choir concert. William Griffin, well known handbell clinician and conductor, will direct the choirs.

The public is invited to the concert. A free-will offering will be received.

It is very exciting to hear many handbell choirs ring together, and we are so pleased that our ringers will be a part of this experience. If you have a little time in the late afternoon on Saturday, do plan to come and hear beautiful music rung en masse by all the handbell choirs in the Fort Wayne area, including our Carillon.

SERVING JANUARY 29

ELDERS

8:15 A.M. Tom Walsh and
Ralph Church
10:45 A.M. Marvin Crouse and
Kris Ohneck

DIACONATE & GREETERS

8:15 A.M. D. Harter-SW, N. Menne-
wisch-NW, M. Ashton, C. Long
10:45 A.M. D. Ross-SW, S. Zimmer-
man-NW, M. Hamm-SE, D. Mey-NE, J.
Mey, E. Yeoman, M. Knudsen, D.
Knudsen

GREETERS

8:15 A.M. Nick & Alison Knappenberger
10:45 A.M. Don & Sue Oden

USHERS

8:15 A.M. E. Snouffer, D. Smith,
J. Ott
10:45 A.M. C. McGrew, W. Wester-
field, D. Ashton, B. Haines

JUNIOR USHERS

Laura Hamm & Tracy Critell
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Odens & Kreischers
COFFEE HOUR HOST
Laura York

ACOLYTES

D.J. Rinker & Sarah Feeley
EXTENDED SESSION LEADERS
Alison Knappenberger & Rosie Krull
LAY WORSHIP LEADERS

8:15 A.M. Diane Mory
10:45 A.M. Sue Oden

LOST & FOUND

An ankle bracelet has been found
in the youth lounge. Call the church
office to claim.

NOTE: Please pick up any utensils
that are yours that you may have
left in the kitchen. Thank you.

CHURCH CALENDAR

SATURDAY, JANUARY 28

10:00 A.M. Sherwood/Pettit Assoc.
5:00 P.M. Threc Rivers Handbell Festival
at Concordia High School

SUNDAY, JANUARY 29

8:15 A.M. First Worship
9:30 A.M. Church School
9:30 A.M. Senior High Forum
10:45 A.M. Second Worship
6:00 P.M. Prayer Service
7:00 P.M. Martin Luther King's Service at
Plymouth, 501 W. Berry St.

MONDAY, JANUARY 30

8:30 A.M. Staff Meeting
6:30 P.M. Active Parenting
7:00 P.M. Exercise Class
7:00 P.M. Calling Night

WEDNESDAY, FEBRUARY 1

5:00 P.M. Youth Bells
6:15 P.M. Chi Rho
6:30 P.M. Creative Arts, Grades 1-5
7:00 P.M. Exercise Class
7:15 P.M. Youth Choir

THURSDAY, FEBRUARY 2

5:30 P.M. Carillon
7:00 P.M. Chancel Choir

SATURDAY, FEBRUARY 4

9:00 A.M. CWF Nominating Committee
11:00 A.M. Jeff Bates' PRC Meeting

BIRTHDAYS January 29-February 4

Jack Bennett (29)
Jaynie Bonahoom (29)
Martha Wanner (30)
Bobbi Lindsay (1)
Jim Sands (1)
Anita Fitch (2)
Judy Mey (2)
Patricia Endley (3)
Roger Gross (4)
Wanda Hamm (4)
Helen Lobdell (4)
Eric Mory (4)
Ruth Yenter (4)

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ASH WEDNESDAY SERVICE

Ash Wednesday, February 8 this year, marks the beginning of the season of Lent. We will observe it in a special service at 7:30 p.m.

On this occasion there are two significant encounters. We confront our own mortality and confess our sins before God within the community of faith. The form of the service and the texts focus our lives on the dual themes of sin and death in the light of God's redeeming love in Jesus Christ. The use of ashes as a sign of mortality and penance has its history in Jewish and Christian worship. They are a powerful non-verbal way of taking part in the call to repentance and reconciliation. This is really a "Day of Atonement" for the Christian community.

It is a solemn observance but an important one, for it represents our awareness of those things in our lives which need to be purged. The prayers are to the "Lamb of God who takest away the sin of the world" -- our resurrected Jesus Christ, ever present, our hope and joy.

We invite you to come and worship February the 8th at 7:30 p.m. in the sanctuary. Child-care will be available.

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ASH WEDNESDAY AT THE SOUP KITCHEN

Have you ever visited St. Mary's Soup Kitchen? Here's your chance. The Kitchen encourages all Ft. Wayne citizens to have lunch there on Ash Wednesday each year as a way of showing the community what they offer the hungry and providing a means for average citizens to feel solidarity with the poor.

A group of First Christian people will be going together, and you're invited. We will meet in our church's parking lot at noon, February 8, and go down to St. Mary's together. You may go on your own, if you prefer, or if it is more convenient, of course.

SATURDAY, FEBRUARY 4, 9:00 a.m.

CWF Nominating Committee Meeting with Dick Hamm as Convenor.

ELDERS' MEETING, Saturday, February 11, 9:00 a.m., at the church. Important agenda.

CONCERNS & JOYS

Ruby Mowery had surgery last week at Lutheran. She is doing well at her daughter's home (Sue Creager).

Jason Krull had surgery last week, but will return to school this week.

Hazel Cleaver remains in Parkview Hospital.

Mary Wilhelm lost a brother-in-law last week.

Reba Fusselman lost a sister-in-law.

THANK YOU

Many thanks to Dick Mey for helping John fix the drain in the kitchen!

A NOTE FROM FLORIDA

Miriam Bixenman and Peg Buskirk send their apologies for misplacing their Christmas Card to the church this past Christmas - they didn't want you to think they forgot their Church Family at First Christian in Fort Wayne. They love you all!

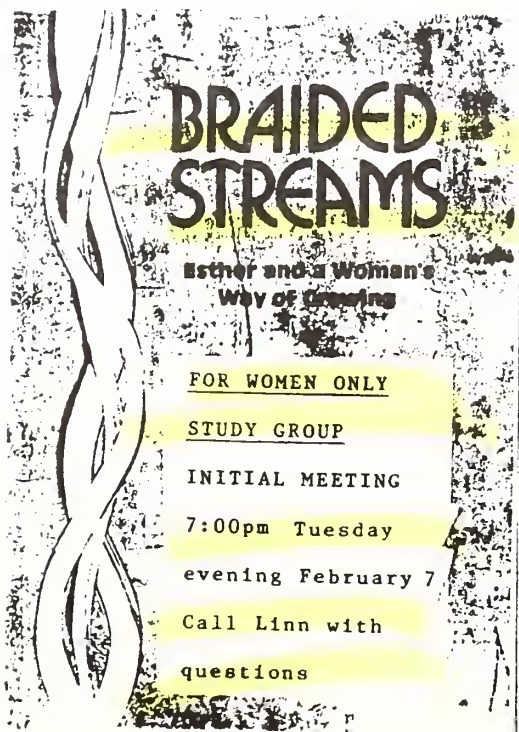
C.W.F.

C.W.F. to go to Byron Health Center Monday, February 13, 1:30 - 3:30 p.m.

Each year a group of volunteers donates one afternoon of fun and fellowship to the residents of Byron Health Center. We arrive at 1:30 p.m. to organize a game of Bingo with donations of small prizes as rewards. Some of the residents need help with their Bingo cards but some just want us to bring them the gift trays. We will be taking some fruit juice punch and cookies for refreshments. The afternoon ends with devotions and singing.

If you would like to be a part of the group this year, please call Judy Mey at 493-3993 or just be in the church parking lot February 13 at 12:45 p.m.

If you would like to donate some small gifts for prizes, a box is in the church kitchen. A list of examples follows: gum, hard candy, mints, combs, small packages Kleenex, stationary, playing cards, shoe shine materials, deodorants, stuffed toys, pens, pencils, perfume, jewelry, etc.



**BRAIDED
STREAMS**

Esther and a Woman's
Way of Growing

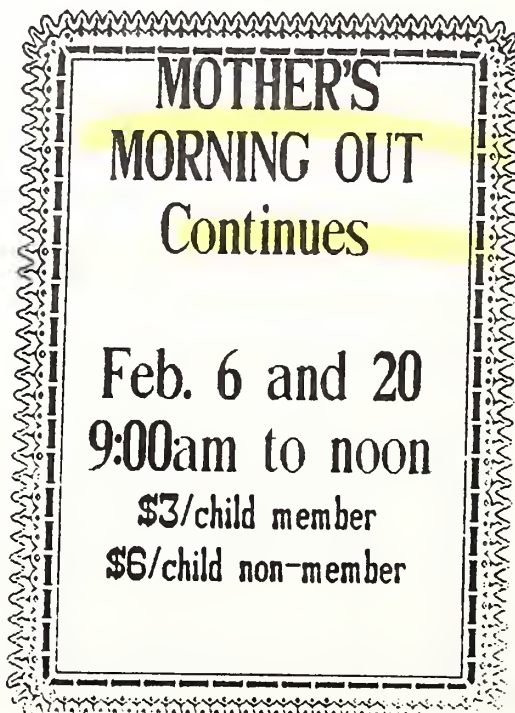
FOR WOMEN ONLY

STUDY GROUP

INITIAL MEETING

7:00pm Tuesday
evening February 7

Call Linn with
questions



**MOTHER'S
MORNING OUT**

Continues

Feb. 6 and 20

9:00am to noon

\$3/child member

\$6/child non-member

ASSOCIATED CHURCHES ANNUAL MEETING, FEBRUARY 26

Bishop John D'Arcy will be the speaker at this, the 44th annual meeting of the Associated Churches of Ft. Wayne and Allen County. Dinner will be served at 5:30 p.m., followed by the program, all to take place at Don Hall's Guest House.

Reservations are required and limited to 300. Please RSVP by calling the church office (744-3239) as soon as possible. The cost is \$8.00.

FROM PARSON TO PERSON

Dear Friends,

Why is it so hard to make choices in life? It is hard for many of us.

I think one reason is because making a choice, a decision, implies cutting off certain possibilities in favor of others, and this frightens us. We want to keep all of our options open, always and forever. Yet, if we never make a choice, a decision, we arrive at death having never really lived, having never really become anything except old.

In a sense, decisions frighten us because they put us in touch with our mortality, our finitude, our limitedness.....and thus they are foreshadowings of death and its powers. Nevertheless, if we are to make anything of ourselves, sooner or later we have to make choices and decisions.

Is there a decision or choice you've been putting off in your life? Sometimes decisions need to be made over a period of months or years, but sometimes we just put them off because they frighten us. There's no time like the present. Ask God for help, analyse the options carefully, and then choose!

See you Sunday!

Love,

Dick

P.S. Sunday's sermon is "The Importance of Language", based on Matthew 12:33-37.

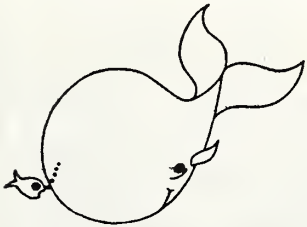
WEEK OF COMPASSION

This special offering is on February 12 and 19. The following helps describe the work our gifts will do:

In many parts of the developing world today, as in Biblical times, women walk several miles every day with heavy jars on their heads in order to provide safe drinking water for their families. One of the most meaningful ways to help women and children in the developing world is to drill wells in rural villages thus lessening the daily toil of women.

The WEEK OF COMPASSION offering helps make safe clean water available in many parts of the world. In India alone, 2,000 wells were drilled during the most severe drought in 100 years. Your gifts to the Week of Compassion help improve the life of women at the well.

REJOICE IN THE SERVICE OF LOVE WITH YOUR WEEK OF COMPASSION OFFERING.



MUSIC NOTES

Because of the Ash Wednesday service on February 8 at 7:30 p.m. there will be no Creative Arts or Youth Choir.

The Youth Bells will practice at their regularly scheduled time from 5:00 to 6:15 p.m.

Chancel Choir will warm up at 7:00 p.m.

Creative Arts and Youth Choir will resume February 15, with emphasis on Oh, Jonah! All young people are invited to join us for the preparation of the musical to be presented to the congregation April 30. Please come and have fun! The story is told in a delightful, funny way. You'll love it -- grades 1-8. See you then!

P.S. Chi Rho will meet its regularly scheduled time 6:15 to 7:15 on the night of February 8, as will the Youth Bells. Only Creative Arts and Youth singing choir will be postponed.

The Chancel Choir is beginning its work for Lent and Easter. If you'd like to sing during this special time, we would love to have you. We will be preparing the gorgeous Cantata On the Passion of Christ for Maundy Thursday, and have exciting plans for Easter. We need you! We want you! -- 7:00 p.m. Thursdays. No audition necessary! Come as you are!

SERVING FEBRUARY 5

ELDERS

8:15 A.M. Sam Hayes and
Delores Keebortz
10:45 A.M. Wes Westerfield and
Donald Kampenga

DIACONATE & GREETERS

8:15 A.M. K. Tobias-SW, K.
Graham-NW, J. Young, M. Snouffer
10:45 A.M. K. Feeley-SW, D.
Miller-NW, J. Bushey-SE, P. Tobias-
NE, D. Oden, S. Oden, M. Piatt

GREETERS

8:15 A.M. Neva & Jim Mennewisch
10:45 A.M. Jim & Karen Bushey

USHERS

8:15 A.M. E. Snouffer, D. Smith,
A. Thomas
10:45 A.M. C. McGrew, W. Wester-
field, T. Knuckles, D. Kreischer

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D. Graham - K. Graham
K. Ohneck - L. Brey

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ACOLYTES

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Deb Rinker & Sam Hayes

LAY WORSHIP LEADERS

8:15 A.M. Laura York
10:45 A.M. Bryce Stover

BIRTHDAYS February 5-11

Stan Horine (6) Susan Knuckles (6)
Larry Brey (7) Elinor Place (7)
Nancy Smith (8) Betty Harten (9)
Sharon Knuckles (9) Steve Whitel (9)
Kenneth Place (10) Marvin Crouel (11)
Kent Gaskill (11)

CHURCH CALENDAR

SATURDAY, FEBRUARY 4

9:00 A.M. CWF Nominating Committee
11:00 A.M. Jeff Bates' PRC Meeting

SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 5

8:15 A.M. First Worship
9:30 A.M. Church School
9:30 A.M. Senior High Forum
10:45 A.M. Second Worship
6:15 P.M. Prayer Service

MONDAY, FEBRUARY 6

9:00 A.M. Mother's Morning Out
9:30 A.M. Monday Morning Study Group
6:30 P.M. Active Parenting
7:00 P.M. Exercise Class
7:00 P.M. Calling Night

WEDNESDAY, FEBRUARY 8

6:15 P.M. Chi Rho

7:30 P.M. Ash Wednesday Service

THURSDAY, FEBRUARY 9

5:30 P.M. Carillon

7:00 P.M. Chancel Choir

SATURDAY, FEBRUARY 11

9:00 A.M. Elder's Meeting at the
Church

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WEEK OF COMPASSION OFFERING HELPS LAOTIAN REFUGEES

Their plight no longer dominates the world media, but many thousands of Indochinese refugees remain in camps outside their homeland. Since 1983, an increasing number of Laotians have made their way to Thailand. Even the very few who will finally be accepted by a western country will have to spend years in crowded and closed camps waiting for durable solutions to their problems.

Language and sewing classes, nutritional courses, vegetable gardening, kindergartens and youth activities are conducted in those camps by the YWCA of Thailand. The Week of Compassion offering supports programs like this one in Thailand and makes it possible for you to share your love and concern.

REJOICE IN THE SERVICE OF LOVE WITH YOUR WEEK OF COMPASSION OFFERING.

CHEAP NIGHT OUT!

The next installment will be at the Falbes', 9806 Roe Drive, Friday, February 17, 7:00 p.m. Bring a snack or appetizer. Call Carolyn to RSVP at 432-6235, or the church office, 744-3239.

DON'T MENTION AGE will meet Tuesday, February 21, at the church for a carry-in dinner at noon, followed by a speaker, Mr. Gene Longenberger, on Medicare and Medicaide. All welcome!

AREA NEWS

Rev. John Vickrey became the new pastor at North Christian Church on February 5. He succeeds Rev. David McCracken who has become director of congregational growth with the Division of Homeland Ministries. Welcome, John!

Rev. William Sanders will be installed as pastor of Saturn Christian Church Sunday morning February 12. In a sense Bill has come "home," for he directed Christian Education at West Creighton as a college student before he left for Seminary. He was ordained at West Creighton, his home church. Welcome, Bill!

Our prayers are with these two men as they assume the leadership of these two congregations.

AN EXERCISE CLASS for body toning - Mondays & Wednesdays from 7:00 - 8:00 p.m. on third floor. There is no charge. Please bring video exercise tapes. Call Sue Brey, 447-3540, for more information.

ELDERS' MEETING, Saturday, February 11, 9:00 a.m., at the church. Important agenda.

COALITION OF SOUTHSIDE NEIGHBORHOODS meets Monday, February 13, 7:00 - 8:00 p.m.

BOARD OF TRUSTEES meets Tuesday, February 14, 7:30 p.m.

BREAD FOR THE WORLD meets Tuesday, February 21, (not the 14th), 6:00 - 7:00 p.m.

DISCIPLE AWARENESS CAMPAIGN meets Wednesday, February 15, 7:15 p.m., at Huntington Central.

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CONCERNS & JOYS

Hazel Cleaver is recovering from surgery at Parkview Hospital.

Dwain Klingshinn passed away last week after a long illness. We remember Marilyn and the family.

Bert Levensee had successful eye surgery last week.

Diane Johnson, our church secretary, is now a grandmother! Trevor Collin was born February 3. Congratulations!

John and Brenda Proegler are the proud parents of Courtney Lee Proegler, born January 29. Congratulations!

THANK YOU

Many thanks to Dan Flickinger for making a new shaft for the organ blower!

Thanks also to Bill Crouse for painting another bathroom last week!

I would like to thank Sam and Barb Hayes for the new addition of the coffee table in my apartment. It adds a great finishing touch! Thanks also to Wes Westernfield for "toting it" over to my place.

Jeff Bates



GENERAL ASSEMBLY DELEGATES NEEDED!

The Biennial General Assembly of The Christian Church (Disciples of Christ) will be close by this summer! Indianapolis, July 28-August 2!

If you would like to be one of our voting delegates (we are entitled to two), please call the church office today. We need to approve these persons at Board meeting soon.

The General Assembly is a great time of inspiration, learning, and fun. Some 12,000 people will gather for great music and preaching, and to do the business of the Church.

Even if you wish to go as a non-voting delegate, give the office a call so we can get registration and housing forms to you. Hotels will fill up fast!

ASSOCIATED CHURCHES ANNUAL MEETING, FEBRUARY 26

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Reservations are required and limited to 300. Please RSVP by calling the church office (744-3239) as soon as possible. The cost is \$8.00.

CYF

Where have we been? Well, I guess just scattered around doing our own thing, huh? Well, what do you say that we try getting back together again and see what kind of group we can make between us? I know that over the holidays, it's hard to start something new like we were trying to do - but now that the holidays are past us, I hope we can pull together as a group. I miss seeing some of you and knowing what's going on in your life.

Be looking for a post card from Linn and I this week, filling you in on the details. Come join in the fund of CYF at FCC.

Your friend,

Jeff

P.S. Video and Munchies on February 19th at 4:30 p.m. - look for a post card!

C.W.F.

C.W.F. will go to Byron Health Center Monday, February 13, 1:30 - 3:30 p.m. Each year a group of volunteers donates one afternoon of fun and fellowship to the residents of Byron Health Center. If you would like to be a part of the group this year, please call Judy Mey at 493-3993 or just be in the church parking lot February 13 at 12:45 p.m.

FROM PARSON TO PERSON

Dear Friends,

There was much response to my sermon Sunday on language, as I figured there would be. Many gave me some good natured ribbing, some gave me "attaboy's," and a few disagreed. The thing I appreciate about this congregation the most is the fact that people are able to hear what's preached, process it, and then express their own opinion as they see it, without vilification or any hard feelings. That's the way the church should be, it seems to me. "On opinions liberty, in all things love." I do look forward to dialogue with some who took issue with the sermon, because I know we will learn from each other. But the tolerance for diversity I sense here is a real sign of Christian maturity.

I hope you will call this week to RSVP for the Associated Churches Annual Meeting. This is worthy of our support. My friend, Bishop D'Arcy is always an excellent speaker (even if he doesn't use inclusive language - we'll work on him about that!).

Also, if you wish to be a General Assembly voting delegate from First Christian, we need to hear from you this week!

Have a great week! See you Sunday.

Love,

Dick

P.S. This week is the beginning of Lent. The sermon will be "Why Is Change So Hard?," II Corinthians 5:17-21.

All CYF and adult members interested in playing some pick-up basketball should be at West Creighton's gym on Saturday, February 25 at 2:00 p.m. The charge for using the gym is \$10.00 per hour, so bring 2 or 3 dollars to "pitch-in." We have the gym reserved for March 4 and 11 also. Please bring your basketball if you have one.

P.S. Let's limit it to members of FCC only until we see how many people we have.



BRAIDED STREAMS

Esther and a Woman's
Way of Growing

FOR WOMEN ONLY

STUDY GROUP

Call Linn for next
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PECAN LOAF - "Meatless Meatdish"

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- 1 c. chopped celery
- 2 c. chopped pecans
- ½ c. chopped parsley
- 1 medium to large chopped onion
- 1 large chopped carrot
- 3 eggs
- 2 c. milk (little less if desired)

Place all dry ingredients in blender or food processor and chop to a course meal consistency. Pour into mixing bowl and add eggs and milk. Season with one tsp. salt.

Form in loaf pan and dot with butter. Bake at 325 degrees for one hour. Serves 4-6.

ADULT EDUCATION OPPORTUNITIES, 9:30 a.m.

Fellowship Hall - February 19 - Teen/
Adult Forum on Bread for the World.

Discipleship Class - February 26,
9:30 a.m., 3rd floor continues with
Ecumenical Partners, facilitated by
Jim Bushey. Associated Churches
will be the focus.

SERVING FEBRUARY 12

ELDERS

8:15 A.M. Bill Johnson and
Bill Crouse
10:45 A.M. Wayne and Liz
Johnson

DIACONATE & GREETERS

8:15 A.M. M. Ashton-SW, S.
Smith-NW, C. Long, M. Novachcoff
10:45 A.M. D. Mey-SW, J. Mey-NW,
B. Kerley-SE, S. Kerley-NE, M.
Mullen, J. McGrew, D. Kreischer,
T. Davis

GREETERS

8:15 A.M. Charles & Lauren Ewing
10:45 A.M. John & Barbara Clevenger

USHERS

8:15 A.M. E. Snouffer, D. Smith,

D. Schmidt

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field, E. Nordblom, M. Westerfield

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LAY WORSHIP LEADERS

8:15 A.M. Delores Keebortz
10:45 A.M. Curt Miller

BIRTHDAYS February 12-18

Bill Delvinney (12)
Jeanetta Lahmeyer (12)
Chris McDougale (12)
Charles McGrew (12)
Virgil Buchanan (13)
Kevin Tobias (13)
Clarence Bozanth (14)
Anlynn Call (14)
Menle Grimm (14)
Robert Neal (14)

CHURCH CALENDAR

SATURDAY, FEBRUARY 11

9:00 A.M. Elders' Meeting at the
Church

SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 12 - 1st Sunday in Lent

8:15 A.M. First Worship
9:30 A.M. Church School
9:30 A.M. Senior High Forum
10:45 A.M. Second Worship
6:15 P.M. Prayer Service

MONDAY, FEBRUARY 13

8:30 A.M. Staff Meeting
12:45 P.M. CWF meets at the church to
go to Byron Health Center

6:30 P.M. Active Parenting
7:00 P.M. Exercise Class
7:00 P.M. Calling Night
7:00 P.M. Coalition of Southside
Neighborhoods

TUESDAY, FEBRUARY 14

11:30 A.M. Rebecca Group
12:45 P.M. Rachel Group
7:30 P.M. Board of Trustees

WEDNESDAY, FEBRUARY 15

5:00 P.M. Youth Bells
6:15 P.M. Chi Rho
6:30 P.M. Creative Arts in Worship,
Grades 1-5
7:00 P.M. Exercise Class
7:15 P.M. Youth Choir
7:15 P.M. Disciple Awareness Campaign
at Huntington Central

THURSDAY, FEBRUARY 16

5:30 P.M. Carillon
7:00 P.M. Chancel Choir

FRIDAY, FEBRUARY 17

7:00 P.M. Cheap Night Out at Falbes',
9806 Roe Drive

BIRTHDAYS continued

Charles Hatten (15)
Karen Doehman (16)
Martha Hunt (16)
Edythe Metcalf (16)
Julie Stucky (16)

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WELCOME NEW MEMBERS

Mark & Julie Mishler transferred their membership from Central Christian and Calvary United Methodist of Marion, Ohio. They have a daughter, six weeks old, Mara Layne. They live at 518 Villa Park Court 46808, phone - 483-3228. Welcome!

WEEK OF COMPASSION REACHES OUT IN MOZAMBIQUE

Two million Mozambicans have been devastated by civil conflict. The country's agricultural system has broken down, causing malnutrition for an estimated one-third of the population. More than 870,000 people have sought refuge in neighboring states.

The Week of Compassion offering has assisted the Christian Council of Mozambique in providing emergency food and medical care, as well as seeds, tools and other rehabilitation assistance in small carpentry, fishing and agricultural projects.

REJOICE IN THE SERVICE OF LOVE WITH YOUR WEEK OF COMPASSION OFFERING.

CHEAP NIGHT OUT!

Call the Falbes' to RSVP at 432-6235! It's this Friday, February 17, 7:00 p.m.!

DON'T MENTION AGE will meet Tuesday, February 21, at the church for a carry-in dinner at noon, followed by a speaker, Mr. Gene Longenberger, on Medicare and Medicaide. All welcome!

AN EXERCISE CLASS for body toning - Mondays & Wednesdays from 7:00 - 8:00 p.m. on third floor. There is no charge. Please bring video exercise tapes. Call Sue Brey, 447-3540, for more information.

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FORUM
Feb. 19 - 9:30 am



Fellowship Hall

MOTHER'S
MORNING OUT
Continues

Feb. 20
9:00am to noon
\$3/child member
\$6/child non-member

CONCERNS & JOYS

Hazel Cleaver is a patient at Parkview Hospital and is doing well.

Dwight Davis is also at Parkview, but will probably go back to the Huntington Norwood Nursing Home this week.

Fern Strole is a patient at Parkview, having suffered a stroke.

Cecil Rice's sister, Mrs. Sue Bannicklaw, died on the 7th in Rising Sun, Indiana.

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CYF

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C.W.F. is still selling pecans. Pick up yours this Sunday. Here is another recipe you can use with your pecans.

FUDGIE SCOTCH RING

1 6-oz. pkg.(1 cup) Nestle's Semi-Sweet Chocolate Morsels	1 cup Pecan halves
1 6-oz. pkg.(1 cup) Nestle's Butterscotch Morsels	$\frac{1}{2}$ tsp. vanilla extract
1 can Borden Eagle Brand Sweetened Condensed Milk (not evaporated milk)	1 cup coarsely chopped pecans

1. MELT chocolate & butterscotch morsels with sweetened condensed milk in top of double boiler over hot (not boiling) water. Stir occasionally till morsels melt and mixture begins to thicken. Remove from heat; add chopped pecans and vanilla. Blend well. Chill for 1 hour till mixture thickens. Line bottom of 9" pie pan with a 12" square of foil. Place $\frac{3}{4}$ cup pecan halves in bottom of pan, forming 2" wide fiat ring.

2. SPOON chocolate mixture in small mounds on top of pecans to form ring. Decorate with remaining pecans.

3. CHILL in refrigerator until firm enough to slice. Cut into $\frac{1}{2}$ inch slices. Makes about 36 slices.

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Join us for a marvelous Sunday afternoon on March 5, 1989! (RSVP by calling the church office at 744-3239).

SECRET PLACE

The March, April, and May issue of the Secret Place is here. Pick up your copy this Sunday!

FROM PARSON TO PERSON

Dear Friends,

Here we are in Lent! Hard to believe, but the season is quite early this year. We had a fine attendance Sunday and the initial response to the sermon series was excellent. This is a great time to be inviting friends to worship!

We had many first-time visitors Sunday. I wonder how many you met? If none, then you weren't doing your job Sunday! Maybe you had to leave early this week, but it is essential that we all take an interest in those who are visiting, as well as in old friends. This is not the job of some committee, it is the responsibility of each of us! I don't want anyone to feel guilty, I just want us all to do it!

I hope you will call in to reserve a dinner place for yourself for the Associated Churches Annual Meeting.

We have some exciting proposals coming soon from the Outreach Committee. Watch for them.

Pray for our congregation, our denomination, and especially for our mission partners around the globe. Pray for each other, too!

See you Sunday.

Love,

Dick

P.S. Sunday's sermon: "Enemies of the Spirit: Guilt;" read II Cor. 5:17-21.

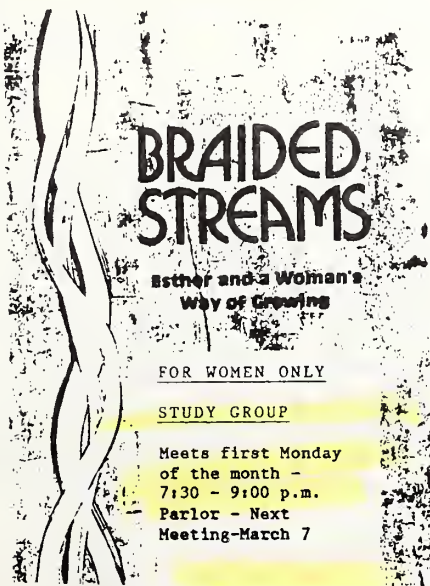
DID YOU "WONDER?"

Some of you may have been wondering about my comment on Sunday afternoon regarding love and relationships and how they "come and go". Well, I know what I meant by it and because some of you don't know my sense of humor (but it did get a chuckle) I think you might have left church wondering. Allow me a few moments of philosophical reflection.

No doubt I am excited about my engagement to Cindy and am "in love". My comment about "love coming and going" refers more to the "feeling" of being in love, than to the "relationship." It is unfortunate in our culture that this "loving feeling" is that in which most couples ground their relationship, and when the feeling leaves, they believe their relationship is over. But what I was saying about "love" is that when it "goes," if the relationship is most important, then this loving feeling will "come back." The walls that have been constructed, can be broken through. Indeed some walls require us to seek professional help, and it is troubling when only one in the relationship feels a problem. But, overall, I don't believe any person should be left without this loving feeling - that is, of being unconditionally valued and loved by another...after all, it is the love with which God loves us and the whole world! Let me know what you think.

Thoughtfully,

Jeff



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Level II: Grades 7-8
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New Beginnings-
Grades 3-4

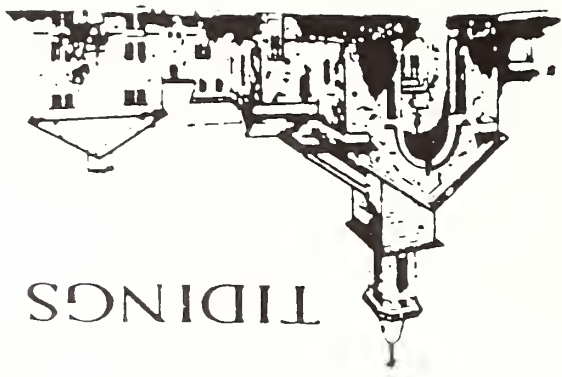
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SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 19	
8:15 A.M.	First Worship
9:30 A.M.	Bread for the World Forum
9:30 A.M.	Church School
9:30 A.M.	Senior High Forum
10:45 A.M.	Second Worship
4:30 P.M.	CYF
6:15 P.M.	Prayer Service
MONDAY, FEBRUARY 20	
8:30 A.M.	Staff Meeting
9:00 A.M.	Mother's Morning Out
9:30 A.M.	Monday Morning Study Group
6:30 P.M.	Active Parenting
7:00 P.M.	Exercise Class
7:00 P.M.	Calling Night
TUESDAY, FEBRUARY 21	
12:00 NOON	DMA Potluck
6:00 P.M.	Bread For The World
7:30 P.M.	Sarah Circle
WEDNESDAY, FEBRUARY 22	
5:00 P.M.	Youth Bells
6:15 P.M.	Chi Rho
6:30 P.M.	Creative Arts in Worship, Grades 1-5
7:00 P.M.	Exercise Class
7:15 P.M.	Youth Choir
THURSDAY, FEBRUARY 23	
5:30 P.M.	Carillon
7:00 P.M.	Chancel Choir

BIRTHDAYS FEBRUARY 19-25

- Don Crouse (19)
- Heather Chapin (20)
- Florence Huddleston (20)
- Margaret Jenkins (21)
- Walter Bowen (22)
- Steven Hall (22)
- Anita Ellis (23)
- Susan Rousseau (23)
- Dan Church (25)
- Enice Connad (25)

SERVING FEBRUARY 19

ELDERS

- 8:15 A.M. Sam Hayes and Judy Church
- 10:45 A.M. John Ohneck and Marvin Crouse
- DIACONATE & GREETERS
- 8:15 A.M. M. Snouffer-SW, D. Harter-NW, K. Graham, J. Young
- 10:45 A.M. S. Callahan-NW, L. Brey-SE, S. Zimmerman-NE, C. Falbe, M. Hamm, C. Hatten, B. Stover

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USHERS

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JUNIOR USHERS

- Sarah Glasgow & Rebecca Feeley

HOMEBOUND COMMUNION

- W. Westerfield - J. Lindsay
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TIME MANAGEMENT SEMINAR

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Call 744-3239 to RSVP.

ALL ELDERS, DEACONS, AND SPOUSES

You are invited to a pitch-in dinner Tuesday, March 7, 6:30 p.m., at the Botanical Gardens. Cost will be \$2.00 per person. Please call Mindy (745-4536), Judy (447-5691), or the church office (744-3239) to RSVP, and indicate if you wish to bring a meat dish, vegetable, salad, or dessert.

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REMEMBER THE WEEK OF COMPASSION WHEN DISASTER STRIKES

Hurricanes in the Caribbean. Floods in Bangladesh. Earthquakes in India and Nepal. Tornadoes in the United States. You read about natural disasters in the newspaper and hear reports on the nightly news. Whenever and whatever natural disaster strikes, the Week of Compassion offering channels your compassionate response to those in need of help.

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TEACHERS MEETING, March 5, 9:00 a.m. Spring quarter materials are here and will be in classrooms February 26.

CONCERNS & JOYS

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3/4 cup butter

2/3 cup sugar

1 egg

1 t. vanilla

1/4 t. salt

1-3/4 cups sifted flour

1/2 cup chopped pecans

Cream together butter and sugar until light. Beat in egg, vanilla, and salt. Gradually stir in flour. Shape dough into 2 rolls, each about 1 1/2 inches in diameter and 6 inches long, roll each in 1/4 cup of the pecans to coat outside. Wrap in waxed paper, chill thoroughly. Cut into slices 1/4 inch thick. Place on ungreased cookie sheet; bake in moderate oven (350 degrees) for 15-17 minutes.

FOUND - Light grey pair of little girls mittens. Are they yours? Call the church office to claim them.

EXERCISE ANYONE?

--Basketball this Saturday at West Creighton from 2:00 - 4:00 p.m. We will meet at the church around 1:40 p.m. and go together. If you would rather just meet us there feel free. Bring \$2.00 to contribute to the gym rental and a basketball if you have one.

CYF

The CYF wish to thank Jane Walsh for contributing "munchies" to our M and M last Sunday afternoon (M and M is for "Movie and Munchies.") Thanks Jane!

One thing we have planned for next month is to go to Bryce Stover's play, "Anything Goes," at Southside on March 18 (Saturday night). We'll meet to go out to eat at 6:30 p.m. before the play.

We had a good turn-out yesterday for M & M Sunday. We watched "Caddyshack, part 2" and talked about the future. How is your "future" shaping up? Would you like to talk about it? Come to CYF activities!

FROM PARSON TO PERSON

Dear Friends,

It was great to have my brother, Chuck, with us this weekend. Isn't it interesting how the older we get, the more important our brothers and sisters become to us? I'm very thankful for Chuck's friendship and love.

Soon I will be celebrating seven years with you! It's hard to believe that David will be entering Southside High School next year....he was a second grader when we arrived, for heaven's sake! I've been thinking about all the weddings, funerals, baptisms, child dedications and such I've done over these years, and how many thousands (literally) of people I have come to know and care about. On the face of it, we have about 500 active members. But I have come to know many members' families, and have had the opportunity to minister to many of them in many circumstances. I suppose this amounts to perhaps 2,000 pastoral relationships....people about whom I have come to care a great deal, whether they themselves are members of FCC or not.

I'm not going anywhere in particular with this, it's just very satisfying to think about. Ministry really is a great privilege! Thanks for inviting me and my family into your lives. I hope you will continue to keep us around for another seven years or so!

See you Sunday.

Love,

Dick

PROPOSAL CHANGE TO THE BY-LAWS

A change in the By-laws will be considered by the Board on March 14, agenda permitting. The congregation is hereby notified of this proposal so that members may make comments either to Board members, ministers, or to the Board itself on March 14.

THE PROPOSAL

In regard to I. Membership (page 2 of Constitution and By-laws):

1. Add a new "C" as follows:

C. Associate Membership: Baptized Christians who are members of other congregations may become Associate Members of First Christian Church. Such persons shall retain their membership in another congregation while being Associate Members of this congregation. Associate Members have the same rights and responsibilities as other members of First Christian Church. This category of membership is intended for those who are temporary residents of Ft. Wayne, those who wish to maintain membership in another congregation out of this city for sentimental or practical reasons, and for staff persons who come from other denominations and who need to maintain dual membership. This category of membership shall be extended to persons by the Senior Pastor in consultation with the Elders.

2. The old "C" becomes "D", the old "D" becomes "E", the old "E" becomes "F".

MEMBERSHIP DECLINE MAY REVERSE

INDIANAPOLIS, Ind. -- Early indicators suggest that Disciples may be reversing their membership decline of the past two decades, said the Rev. Ann Updegraff-Spleth to the Division of Homeland Ministries (DHM) board of directors of the Christian Church (Disciples of Christ) meeting here recently.

"In the past when Disciples membership has grown it has been preceded by an increase in worship and Sunday school attendance," explained Updegraff-Spleth. "There are some hopeful growth signs; both worship and Sunday school attendance are up in congregations currently engaged in evangelism programs."

Tracking and interpreting growth is one of 75 new program objectives developed by DHM, most focusing upon congregation revitalization. Division staff will concentrate their work in 1989 on action objectives in the areas of evangelizing, educating and strengthening congregations and leaders.

SERVING FEBRUARY 26

ELDERS

8:15 A.M. Eunice Conrad and
Ralph Church
10:45 A.M. Curt Miller and
Kris Ohneck

DIACONATE & GREETERS

8:15 A.M. K. Taylor-SW, C. Long-
NW, K. Tobias, N. Mennewisch
10:45 A.M. M. Knudsen-SW, D. Knud-
sen-NW, D. Oden-SE, S. Oden-NE, D.
Ross, J. Franklin, M. Piatt, C.
Hatten

GREETERS

8:15 A.M. Gini Brown
10:45 A.M. John & Jo Weyer

USHERS

8:15 A.M. E. Snouffer, D. Smith,
J. Ott
10:45 A.M. C. McGrew, W. Wester-
field, H. Banet, T. Knuckles

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CHURCH CALENDAR

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10:45 A.M. Second Worship
5:30 P.M. Associated Churches annual
meeting at Don Hall's Guest
House

MONDAY, FEBRUARY 27

8:30 A.M. Staff Meeting
7:00 P.M. Calling Night
7:00 P.M. Exercise Class
7:00 P.M. Time Management Seminar

TUESDAY, FEBRUARY 28

7:00 P.M. Committee Meetings

WEDNESDAY, MARCH 1

5:00 P.M. Youth Bells
6:15 P.M. Chi Rho
6:30 P.M. Creative Arts in Worship,
Grades 1-5

7:00 P.M. Exercise Class

7:15 P.M. Youth Choir

THURSDAY, MARCH 2

9:30 A.M. Naomi Group at the church
in the conference room
5:30 P.M. Carillon
7:00 P.M. Chancel Choir

BIRTHDAYS February 26-March 4

Everett Ehnesman (26)

Bill Chappell (26)

Cathy Katt (26)

Tim Briggs (28)

Liz Johnson (28)

Bill Lehman (28)

Barbara Busse (11)

Carl Linn (11)

Bueford Tharp (11)

Genny Zimmerman (11)

Lee Baughen (2)

Ken Feeley (2)

Frank Moody (2)

Jim Davis (4)

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ALL ELDERS, DEACONS, AND SPOUSES

You are invited to a pitch-in dinner Tuesday, March 7, 6:30 p.m., at the Botanical Gardens. Cost will be \$2.00 per person. Please call Mindy (745-4536), Judy (447-5691), or the church office (744-3239) to RSVP, and indicate if you wish to bring a meat dish, vegetable, salad, or dessert.

DISCIPLESHIP CLASS - SPRING QUARTER

March 5-19	Christian Ethics
March 26	To be announced.
April 2	Paul Crow on National & World Councils of Churches
April 9-30	Theology Classical Process & Neo-Orthodox
May 7-21	Theology Feminine & Liberation

No experience necessary. Come and participate in lively discussions.

PRAYER CHAIN

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HELP!

We have some children who could be a part of Creative Arts and Chi Rho if there could be transportation arranged.

If you are free to drive one way -- perhaps take them home -- it would be wonderful. Please call Helen if you can. Many thanks!

D.M.A. (DON'T MENTION AGE) FELLOWSHIP

We will go to the Firefighters' Museum on Tuesday, March 14, 10:30 a.m., then on to lunch at the Window Garden. Please RSVP at 744-3239.

COALITION OF SOUTHSIDE NEIGHBORHOODS meets Monday, March 13, 7:00 p.m.

BOARD OF TRUSTEES meets Tuesday, March 14, 7:30 p.m.

ADULTS' NIGHT OUT

Friday, March 17, 7:00 p.m., at the Breys. Please call Sue Brey at 447-3540, or the church office to R.S.V.P.

TEACHERS MEETING - March 5, 9:00 a.m.

Spring quarter materials are here and will be in classrooms.



CONCERNS & JOYS

The Grimms are the grandparents of Spencer Evan, born to Steve and Gwen, on February 23. Congratulations!

Bill and Ginny Johnson are the grandparents of Curtis Hugh, born to Jeff and Lynda in Charlotte, N. Carolina.

Mimi Westernfield had surgery last week and is recuperating at home.

Dwight Davis has moved to the Renaissance Village, Rt. 6, West Allen County Line Road, Room 202, Fort Wayne, IN 46804.

Lillian Busse has gone home from Lutheran.

Carl Linn has gone home from Parkview.

Hazel Cleaver has gone home to Regency Place from Parkview.

Fern Strole remains a patient at Parkview, but she is making good progress in the face of her stroke.

Chuck Ewing is home and doing well, and in fact was in worship Sunday!

Fred Smell will enter the hospital for surgery in Indianapolis this week.

THANKS

To Jim Bushey for donating and installing an aluminum awning over the food bank door! It looks great!

ANNOUNCEMENT FOR AREA MEN'S RALLIES

Where is the "friendliest place this side of heaven?" It is the Men's Rallies across our region. Well, it may not have reached that definition in the past, however, the Regional Commission on Men's Work is urging all of the men, who come to the Rallies, to help make it fit that description for every future Rally, including the ones that will be held on the Sundays of March 5 and 12, 1989, throughout our Region.

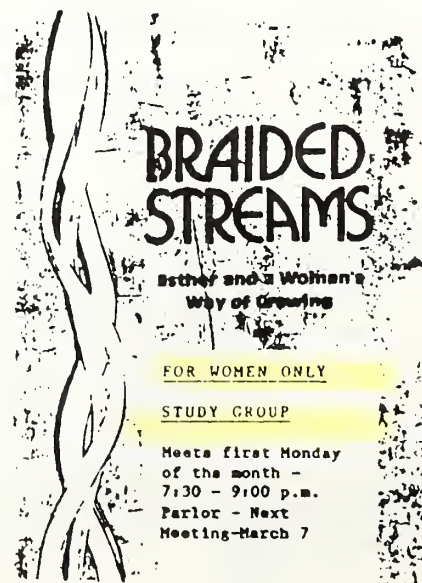
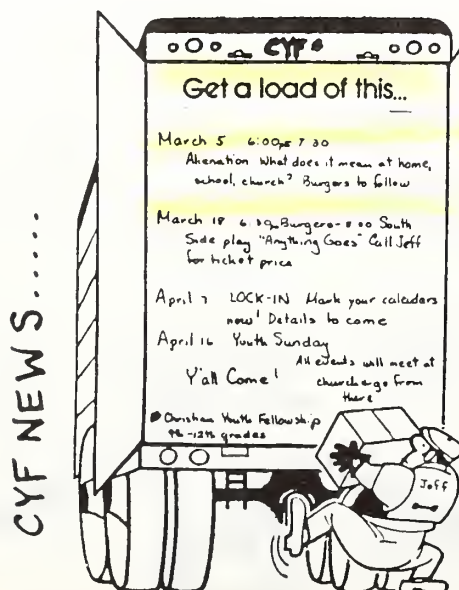
The Commission on Men's Work is very pleased to announce that the chairman of your Spring Rally, March 5, will be Charles Burris. He is an active layman at Saturn Christian Church in Columbia City. The theme of the Spring Rallies will be "Faithful To The Vision" (Isaiah 6:8). It is a look at our call to service in the light of God's call to Isaiah to be a prophet.

The Commission has also secured Dr. Joe Wick as the speaker of your Spring Rally to be held at Saturn Christian Church on March 5, 1989, between the hours of 4:30 - 6:00 p.m.

Join us for a marvelous Sunday afternoon on March 5, 1989! (RSVP by calling the church office at 744-3239).

ATTENTION BASKETBALL PLAYERS

We have decided to play at West Creighton's Gym again on Saturday, March 11 from 2:00 - 4:00 p.m. We had a great time last Saturday (right Ray?) goofing off and getting some exercise. Bring your basketball, gym shoes, \$2.00 (cost of gym rental) and an anticipation for a good work out.



FROM PARSON TO PERSON

Dear Friends,

How's your Lenten journey going? Well, I hope.

I also hope to see several adults who are not attending a Sunday School Class join me and the Discipleship Class (on the third floor of the educational wing) for a three week study of ethics beginning this Sunday. Ethics is the study of right and wrong and how moral decisions are made. It's a fascinating field and was a large part of my doctoral studies. Come join us!

I am concerned about the church's financial situation as of the end of February. We are quite short of cash. This is not so much a matter of being short on pledges (though we are somewhat) as it is a matter of many being slow in getting started on 1989 giving. If we are behind, let's do our best to catch up! Thanks.

See you Sunday!

Love,

Dick

P.S. Sunday its: "Enemies of the Spirit: Fear." We all suffer from fear and fears. Come think and pray about it with the rest of your church family this Sunday!

I was thinking.....

I was in the Young Adult Study Class last Sunday morning, but let me tell you, I really enjoyed and thought alot about the discussion we were having. I was particularly struck by an image of "stress" that I had not thought about before.

Before starting at CTS in 1986, I worked construction at a Precast Concrete company from Jan. - Sept. What a growing time in my life! One of the things they do in this business is make parking garages which includes all the pieces (e.g. beams, columns, floors, etc.) that go into them. Before pouring the concrete into the forms making these different things, a tremendous amount of steel and "stressed" cable go into them for supporting the concrete and building a superstructure.

One of the first things that I learned from the "wisdom" that floated around the place was to "never be out in the open when the two cables were being stretched (stressed)." Because if one of those cables would "snap," the chances are that a person could be cut-in-two! Stressing the cables was a dangerous job, but it had to be done, but not to the breaking point, in order to give the superstructures the strength they needed to stand.

I also heard in this class Sunday that stress can be bad and good. We need stress to identify ourselves and our boundaries. We need to be stretched! But too much stress makes us dangerous, potentially hurting those around us if they are "vulnerable" by being out in the open.

God's love absolutely contradicts too much stress and nurtures us in identifying our "stressors" so we can relax.

Thoughtfully,

Jeff

DISCIPLESHIP CLASS - Dick Hamm will be beginning a series of three sessions on Christian Ethics. We meet on the third floor. Come join us at 9:30 a.m.!

C.Y.F.

We are meeting at the church at 6:00 p.m. to talk about "Alienation." No, you don't have to be from outer space to participate. What is "alienation?" "How is it effecting you?" "What can you do about it?" Jeff will engage you in discussion of this important matter. After the meeting we'll plan to go out for a snack - bring a few dollars.

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10:45 A.M. Donald Kampenga and
Wayne Johnson

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Ashton-NW, S. Smith, J. Young
10:45 A.M. K. Feeley-SW, P.
Tobias-NW, R. Stover-SE, L.
Stover-NE, J. Bushey, D. Miller,
M. Mullen, A. Hayes

GREETERS

8:15 A.M. Merle & Betty Grimm
10:45 A.M. Lois Finkhausen

USHERS

8:15 A.M. E. Snouffer, D. Smith,
M. Thomas
10:45 A.M. C. McGrew, D. Kreischer,
B. Haines

JUNIOR USHERS

Alisha Stover & Lindsay Miller

HOMEBOUND COMMUNION

J. Church - M. Ashton
C. Miller - C. Long
T. Walsh - M. Novachcoff
S. Hayes - D. Oden

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6:00 P.M. CYF
6:15 P.M. Prayer Service

MONDAY, MARCH 6

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7:00 P.M. Time Management Seminar
7:00 P.M. Calling Night
7:00 P.M. Exercise Class

TUESDAY, MARCH 7

6:30 P.M. Elder & Diaconate pitch-in dinner
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7:30 P.M. Braided Streams

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Grades 1-5

7:00 P.M. Exercise Class

7:15 P.M. Youth Choir

THURSDAY, MARCH 9

5:30 P.M. Carillon

7:00 P.M. Chancel Choir

SATURDAY, MARCH 11

10:00 A.M. Finance Committee
2:00 P.M. Basketball at West Creighton

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FLOWERS FOR EASTER

Blooming plants such as lilies, hyacinths, and tulips will be used to decorate the sanctuary on Easter. They will be purchased from Aunt Sue's at a cost of approximately \$8.00. Money may be donated as a gift or in honor or memory of someone. Checks should be marked "Easter Flowers" and made payable to First Christian Church. Plants may be taken after the 10:45 a.m. Worship Service. Deadline for donations will be Monday, March 20.

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BOARD OF TRUSTEES meets Tuesday, March 14, 7:30 p.m.



CONCERNS & JOYS

Fern Strole continues to improve at Parkview Hospital.

Fred Smell's surgery in Indianapolis last week was successful and he should be home by the time you read this.

Mimi Westernfield is recovering at home from her surgery.

Deb Melchi's mother, Peggy Hobbs, had surgery this Monday at Parkview. Pray for her.

Earl Plummer is undergoing tests at Lutheran.

Hazel Cleaver, 95, died Saturday. Her funeral was Monday. Keep her sister Gladys Hoop in your prayers.

Chip Olson and Marcia Hall were united in marriage Saturday, March 4. Congratulations!

THANKS!

Many thanks to Vince Wells and Bill Franklin for helping John install the camera system at the south door.

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North Christian Church invites you to join with them Sunday, March 12, 3:30 p.m., for the installation of their new pastor, John Vickrey. A reception will follow. Congratulations to John and to our sister congregation. North Christian is on Coldwater Road, just a few blocks south of I-69.

THE FOLLOWING NEW BOOKS ARE IN THE ADULT LIBRARY: The Critical Years by Sharon Parks; Teaching Today the Church's First Ministry by Locke I. Bowman, Jr.; Jesus and His Times by Kaari, Ed. Ward; Study Guide: People of the Chalice by Colbert S. Cartwright; People of the Chalice Disciples of Christ in Faith by Colbert S. Cartwright; We Rejoice in the Light-Candlelighting Ceremonies by Sandy Dixon; Living the Truth in a World of Illusions by William Sloane Coffin; Television and Religion Shaping of Faith, Values by William F. Fore; Saying Yes and Saying No on Rendering to God by Robert McAfee Brown; Search for Identity, The DOC The Restructure Year by Robert Friedly & D. Duane Cummins; Women of Faith in Dialogue by Virginia Ramey Mollenkott; The Testament of Elie Wiesel; Signs of God's Love Baptism and Communion by Jeanne S. Fogle; When My Grandma Died by Hollie Harbaugh & Roger Miller; Sexual Abuse Prevention A Study for Teenagers by Marie Fortune; Life Full of Surprises by Lloyd John Ogilvie.

C.W.F. is still selling pecans. Pick up yours this Sunday. Here is another recipe you can use with your pecans.

DELUXE PECAN CHOCOLATE COOKIE

2½ cups all-purpose flour

1½ t. baking soda

1 t. salt

1½ c. butter, softened

1½ c. firmly packed brown sugar

1 t. vanilla extract

One 24-oz. pkg. (4 c.) Nestles Toll House
Semi-Sweet Chocolate Morsels

1 cup chopped pecans

2 eggs

Preheat oven to 375 degrees. In bowl, combine flour, baking soda and salt; set aside. In bowl, combine butter and brown sugar; beat until creamy. Add eggs and vanilla extract; beat until light and fluffy. Gradually blend in flour mixture. Stir in morsels and pecans. Drop by well rounded tbsp. onto ungreased cookie sheets.

BAKE AT 375 degrees.

TIME: 10-12 MINUTES

Allow to stand 2-3 minutes before removing from cookie sheets, cool. MAKES; about 3 dozen 2½" cookies.

FROM PARSON TO PERSON

Dear Friends,

In his writing, "Table Talk", Martin Luther tells of his dog coming to the table at meal time looking for some morsel from his master. He watched every move at the table with open mouth and motionless eyes. Luther said, "Oh, if I could only pray the way this dog watches the meat! All his thoughts are concentrated on the piece of meat. Otherwise he has no thought, wish or hope."

Prayer is difficult. It is all the more difficult in an age that offers so many distractions and so many things that vie for our attention. Yet, prayer is like so many other things in life....if you practice, you get better at it. Prayer is a discipline that requires practice. Even at that, sometimes I find it nearly impossible to pray effectively. In those times, I give up "fighting it" and just let God hold my hand, as it were, while my mind races around. Still, when I have been practicing prayer regularly, I have problems concentrating less often.

Lent is an excellent season in which to enter into a prayer discipline, to develop prayer skills, to move closer to God. It is difficult (for most of us, I think), but it pays incredible dividends.

See you Sunday.

Love,

Dick

P.S. Sunday we continue our series with "Enemies of the Spirit: Laziness."

REPRESENTATIVE TO CAMPUS MINISTRY BOARD NEEDED

First Christian supports the Ft. Wayne Campus Ministry, which serves several campuses in our city, including IPFW. We need a representative to serve on their Board on second Tuesdays, 7:30 p.m., at IPFW. If you would be interested in serving on this advisory board, please call Dick Hamm for more information.

DISCIPLES TO MEET IN INDIANAPOLIS

The Christian Church (Disciples of Christ) will meet for the 123rd time as a church body next summer when it comes to Indianapolis.

Some 8,000 Disciples are expected at the biennial General Assembly which will meet in the Indiana Convention Center here, July 28-August 2, 1989, using as its theme, "Come Holy Spirit, Come!".

At this assembly, Disciples will hear what progress has been made on implementing its new priority on developing "vital congregations as dynamic faith communities in prophetic, redemptive and reconciling ministries to the whole world."

If you would like to attend or wish more information, contact the church office at 744-3239.

1989 CAMP SCHEDULE

The schedule for camp is here, can Spring be far behind? As you plan your summer vacations why not include a week at camp for the kids? Scholarships are available. See Linn for brochures.

BARBEE

June 15-17	New Beginnings (Grades 3-4)
19-24	Level I (Joint UCC/Disciple) (Grades 5-6)
26-July 1	Level II (Joint UCC/Disciple) (Grades 7-8)
July 2-8	Level III (Grades 9-12)
10-15	Level I (Grades 5-6)
16-22	Level III (Grades 9-12)

CYF - WE'RE GOING TO A PLAY!

If you are interested in going to see Bryce Stover's play with the CYF on Saturday, March 18, leaving the church at 6:30 p.m. to get something to eat first, please bring \$3.50 to church this Sunday and see Jeff Bates or Bryce.

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8:15 A.M. Judy Church and
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10:45 A.M. Liz Johnson and
John Ohneck

DIACONATE & GREETERS

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7:00 P.M. Calling Night
7:00 P.M. Exercise Class
7:00 P.M. Coalition of Southside
Neighborhoods

TUESDAY, MARCH 14

10:30 A.M. D.M.A. @ Fire Fighters Museum
and then lunch at the Window
Garden

11:30 A.M. Rebecca Group

12:45 P.M. Rachel Group

7:30 P.M. Board of Trustees

WEDNESDAY, MARCH 15

5:00 P.M. Youth Bells

6:15 P.M. Chi Rho

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5:30 P.M. Carillon

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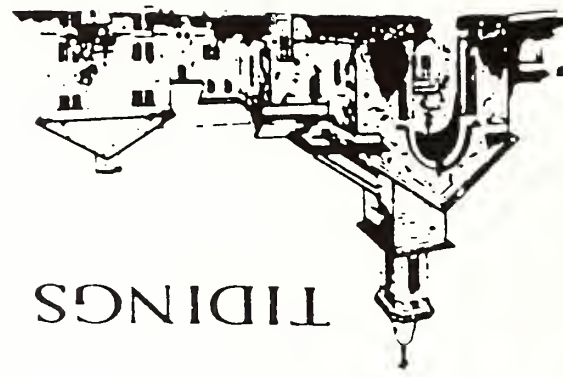
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The Sacrificial Breakfast planned for this Saturday, March 18, at 9:00 a.m. Continue your lenten journey by being part of this special time of meditation and worship. We will gather in the Conference Room.



EASTER EGG HUNT

There will be an Easter Egg Hunt this Sunday, March 19, at 9:30 a.m. during the Sunday School hour. Join the fun of hunting for eggs as well as learning more about our Easter customs and symbols.

BREAD FOR THE WORLD meets Tuesday, March 21, 1989 at 6:00 p.m.

CONCERNS & JOYS

Ethel Allen is a patient at St. Joseph Hospital.

Dwight Davis is in Parkview Hospital.

Fern Strole is at Parkview but expects to move to a nursing home for more physical therapy soon.

Fred Smell is recuperating nicely from his surgery.

Opal Perkins has moved to the Lawton Park Nursing Home.

Earl Plummer expects to come home from the Lutheran Hospital this week.

Deb Melchi's mother, Peggy Hobbs, had successful surgery and a good report.

Rolland Ripple's brother died last week in Brazil, Indiana. Our prayers are with the family.

Shirley Callahan and Eric Harman were wed on Friday, March 10. Dr. Hamm conducted the ceremony. Congratulations!

YOU'RE INVITED

Max & Lois Finkhouser invite their friends of First Christian Church to help celebrate the wedding of their daughter, Barbara, to Mr. Tony Rumpel on March 18, 1989 at 6:00 p.m.

Reception to follow at the New Haven Conservation Club (2 miles east of New Haven on Hwy. 24).

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FLOWERS FOR EASTER

Blooming plants such as lilies, hyacinths, and tulips will be used to decorate the sanctuary on Easter. They will be purchased from Aunt Sue's at a cost of approximately \$8.00. Money may be donated as a gift or in honor or memory of someone. Checks should be marked "Easter Flowers" and made payable to First Christian Church. Plants may be taken after the 10:45 a.m. Worship Service. Deadline for donations will be Monday, March 20.

CYF

The CYF will meet at the church at 6:30 p.m. on Saturday, March 18 for dinner and then head to Southside High School for Bryce Stover's play "Anything Goes" at 8:00 p.m. You'll need enough money for a ticket (\$3.50) and a sandwich at Burger King. See you Saturday night!

FROM PARSON TO PERSON

Dear Friends,

We have been experimenting with a new approach to education for those young people approaching confession of faith. Instead of just offering classes, we have paired each of our nine young candidates with an adult "guide." The candidates meet with their guides regularly, they are reading the Gospel of Luke together, going to special services together, attending Board meeting together, singing in the choir together, and more. It has been fun and gratifying to see this program work. Guides report some pretty fascinating questions being raised by their youthful charges. The candidates and their guides will meet with the staff this Saturday, they will be introduced at Maundy Thursday Service and those choosing to do so will be baptized at Easter Sunrise Service, 6:30 a.m. (which reflects an ancient tradition of the church).

Come to Sunrise Service and share the joy with these new Christians!

Believe it or not, Palm Sunday is upon us! See you Sunday!

Love,

Dick

P.S. The sermon this week will be "Enemies of the Spirit: Rebellion."

BASKETBALL

We'll be playing ball again at West Creighton on March 25 from 2:00 - 4:00 p.m. We've been having a great time of fellowship and getting some good exercise. Even if you're not a "Larry Bird" or "Ray Stover", feel free to come out and join us for some good "heart" work.

REPRESENTATIVE TO CAMPUS MINISTRY BOARD NEEDED

First Christian supports the Ft. Wayne Campus Ministry, which serves several campuses in our city, including IPFW. We need a representative to serve on their Board on second Tuesdays, 7:30 p.m., at IPFW. If you would be interested in serving on this advisory board, please call Dick Hamm for more information.



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The focus of this 1989 Special Easter Offering is the Division of Overseas Ministries' work in the Philippines through the Department of East Asia and the Pacific. In addition, mission education through the Department of Church Women and regional ministries in support of rural and small-membership congregations is highlighted.

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NW, D. Ross-SE, J. McGrew-NE, D.
Oden, S. Oden, L. Brey, B. Stover

GREETERS

8:15 A.M. Jeff Young
10:45 A.M. Terry & Mary King

USHERS

8:15 A.M. E. Snouffer, D. Smith,
A. Thomas
10:45 A.M. C. McGrew, T. Knuckles,
D. Ashton

JUNIOR USHERS

David Hamm & Brandon Falbe

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D. Graham - M. Piatt
D. Keebortz - S. Smith
B. Johnson - M. Snouffer
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BIRTHDAYS March 12-18

Jean Chappell (12)
Kevin Mory (12)
Florence Palmer (12)
Mark Zimmerman (12)
Ethel Shroyer (14)
Mark Akers (15)

CHURCH CALENDAR

SATURDAY, MARCH 18

9:00 A.M. CWF Sacrificial Breakfast
10:00 A.M. Guides & Candidates Meeting
6:30 P.M. CYF

SUNDAY, MARCH 19 - PALM SUNDAY

8:15 A.M. First Worship
9:30 A.M. Church School
9:30 A.M. Easter Egg Hunt
9:30 A.M. Senior High Forum
10:45 P.M. Second Worship
6:15 P.M. Prayer Service

MONDAY, MARCH 20

8:30 A.M. Staff Meeting
9:00 A.M. Mother's Morning Out
9:30 A.M. Monday Morning Study Group
7:00 P.M. Exercise Class
7:00 P.M. Calling Night

TUESDAY, MARCH 21

6:00 P.M. Bread for the World
7:00 P.M. Rehearsal for Readers for
Easter Services

7:30 P.M. Sarah Circle

WEDNESDAY, MARCH 22

5:00 P.M. Youth Bells
6:15 P.M. Chi Rho
6:30 P.M. Creative Arts in Worship,
Grades 1-5

7:00 P.M. Exercise Class

7:15 P.M. Youth Choir

THURSDAY, MARCH 23 - MAUNDY THURSDAY

5:30 P.M. Carillon
7:00 P.M. Maundy Thursday Service
(Chancel Choir after Service)

FRIDAY, MARCH 24 - GOOD FRIDAY

1:30 P.M. Good Friday Service at Christ
Methodist Church

3:00 P.M. Prayer Chain Begins

SATURDAY, MARCH 25

9:00 A.M. Carillon
10:00 A.M. Processional Practice
2:00 P.M. Basketball at West Creighton

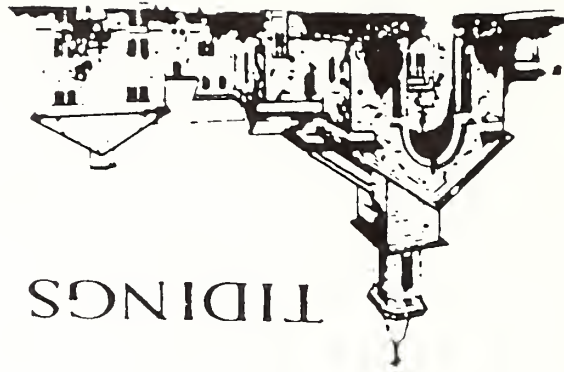
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HOLY WEEK

Lent is a very special time of the awareness of God's love, especially as it is made manifest in the death and resurrection of Jesus. In memory and celebration of the last week of his life on earth, we offer unusual times of worship for the congregation.

March 23 - Maundy Thursday - 7:00 p.m. A Tenebrae Service - Service of Darkness. As a part of this time of reliving the evening of The Last Supper, the Chancel Choir will be singing the cantata On the Passion of Christ by David Williams. Scriptures appropriate for the occasion will be read as Passion Readings. There will be a time of prayer and the Communion Service. Guides and candidates for Baptism will be introduced.

March 24 - Good Friday - 1:30 p.m. This service will be at Christ United Methodist. There will be an anthem by joint choirs and Rev. Alan Thames, Calvary Presbyterian, will be the speaker.

March 24-26 - Prayer Chain - Members of the congregation are invited to sign up for one hour segments.

March 26 - Easter Sunrise Service - 6:30 a.m. We will welcome a number of our young people into the fellowship of Baptism.

March 26 - Easter Breakfast - 7:15 a.m. - CONTINENTAL STYLE.

March 26 - Morning Worship - 8:15 & 10:45 a.m. The choirs and a number of readers will be leading in the highest liturgical service of the year, a celebration of great joy.

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COMMITTEES meet Tuesday, March 28, 7:00 p.m.

CONCERNS & JOYS

Ethel Allen remains a patient at St. Joseph Hospital.

Don Parlette is a patient at Lutheran.

Fern Strole has moved to the Medco Nursing Center, 3811 Pannell Avenue, Room 301.

Fred Smell is continuing his recuperation at home.

Dwight Davis passed away last Tuesday after a long illness. Services were Saturday at the church.

Word has come that a former member, Rufus Quinn, died recently.

Barb Finkhausen and Tony Rumpel were wed in the church Saturday evening. Congratulations!

THANKS

Thanks to Bud & Mary Sue Ludwig for providing a ping pong table for the church's youth!

C.W.F. is still selling pecans. Pick up yours this Sunday. Here is another recipe you can use with your pecans.

HONEY MUSTARD PECANS

$\frac{1}{4}$ cup honey mustard (see note)

3 tablespoons unsalted butter, melted

$\frac{1}{2}$ teaspoon salt

$\frac{3}{4}$ cup grated Parmesan cheese

2 cups pecan halves (8 ounces)

$\frac{1}{2}$ teaspoon hot red pepper sauce

In medium mixing bowl, place honey mustard, then whisk in melted butter. Add salt and hot red pepper sauce and mix to blend well. Add pecans to mixture and mix to coat well.

Spread Parmesan on plate and toss a few pecans at a time in cheese, being sure to coat well on both sides. Transfer pecans to foil-lined baking sheet. Continue until all pecans are coated.

Bake pecans on center shelf of oven at 250 degrees 15 minutes. Turn and bake 8 to 12 minutes more. Nuts should be just golden, not browned, on both sides when done.

Remove and cool to room temperature. If not using immediately, store in airtight container up to 3 days. Makes 2 cups.

NOTE: Honey mustard is available in many specialty food stores and in some groceries.

BASKETBALL CANCELLED FOR SATURDAY, MARCH 25

Due to Easter Festivities, this Saturday at West Creighton, they had to call and cancel our basketball outing. We will resume our play on April 1 from 2:00 - 4:00 p.m. No Joke! (We will probably play on the 15th also!).

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FROM PARSON TO PERSON

Dear Friends,

It's that highest of all Christian seasons! I hope you will be taking full advantage of the many beautiful services being offered throughout Holy Week and on Easter. I particularly hope that you will be present for the Easter Sunrise Service, when several of our young people will be baptized! Why not come to sunrise and stay for breakfast!

The church bus has now been resurrected to a new life! We no longer use the vehicle, so we have given it to the New Horizons youth program in Marion. It will do them good and we no longer needed it. The bus served us well for three years, providing Sunday morning transportation to worship and transportation for our seniors' group, DMA. Thanks to many volunteer mechanics (especially Bob Johnson) and drivers, we never had more than about 3000.00 in it. A 12 or 15 passenger van is what we need now. We should also be grateful to Dr. Bill and Sue Kerley for providing safe space for the bus. It lived at their house for some six years!

See you Thursday, Friday, and Sunday, I hope! Have a significant week.

Love,

Dick

P.S. Sunday I will finish our sermon series, which has been based on II Corinthians 5:17-21.

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In Memory of Ethel Flowers from Henry Flowers and Family.

In Memory of John Cullen from Kate Cullen.

In Memory of daughter, Linda Kirtley, and a dear friend, Jeanne Feltenberger from Grant & Jessie Fern Woodward.

In Memory of Bob & Donnie Rayl from Glenn & Lola Miller.

In honor of Peggy Buskirk & Miriam Bixenman from Josie & Marlo Quick.

From Dick & Judy Mey.

From Kenneth & Martha Hunt.

From Ralph & Judy Church.



Happy

Easter

BRAIDED STREAMS - Tuesday,
April 4, 7:30 p.m.

SERVING MARCH 26

ELDERS

8:15 A.M. Ralph Church and
Judy Church
10:45 A.M. Rolland Ripple and
Marvin Crouse

DIACONATE & GREETERS

8:15 A.M. S. Smith-SW, D.
Miller-NW, J. Young-SE, D. Harter-
NE, C. Long, M. Novachcoff, K.
Graham, D. Kreischer
10:45 A.M. C. Hatten-SW, J. Mc-
Grew-NW, E. Yeoman-SE, M. Piatt-
NE, J. Bushey, D. Mey, B. Stover,
C. Hatten

GREETERS

8:15 A.M. Eunice Conrad
10:45 A.M. E. Snouffer, D. Smith,
C. Byrket
10:45 A.M. C. McGrew, J. Clevenger,
B. Haines, H. Banet

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Steve Mullen & Jim Davis
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M. Snouffer, Lindsays, M. Hamm
NO EXTENDED SESSION
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ACOLYTES

8:15 A.M. Christie Glasgow & Michelle
Callahan
10:45 A.M. Michael Stow & Adam Falbe
NO LAY WORSHIP LEADERS

BIRTHDAYS CONTINUED

Steve Grimm (23)
Terry King (23)
Bobby Pauley (23)
John Glasgow (24)
Donna Byers (25)
Freda Householder (25)
Rosemary Knull (25)
Robert Young (15)
Edwin Hall (27)
Iolita Annas (28)
James Buchanan (28)
Linda Hendrickson (28)
Sylvia Smith (29)
Pam Akers (30)
Margaret Champion (30)
Connie Wells (30)

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10:00 A.M. Processional Practice

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7:15 A.M. Easter Breakfast
8:15 A.M. First Worship
9:30 A.M. Church School
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MONDAY, MARCH 27

8:30 A.M. Staff Meeting
7:00 P.M. Exercise Class
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TUESDAY, MARCH 28

7:00 P.M. Committee Meetings

WEDNESDAY, MARCH 29

5:00 P.M. Youth Bells
6:15 P.M. Chi Rho
6:30 P.M. Creative Arts in Worship,
Grades 1-5

7:00 P.M. Exercise Class

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THURSDAY, MARCH 30

5:30 P.M. Carillon
7:00 P.M. Chancel Choir

SATURDAY, APRIL 1

8:00 A.M. Men's Breakfast
11:00 A.M. Jeff Bates' PRC Meeting
2:00 P.M. Basketball at West Creighton

BIRTHDAYS March 18-31

Gordon Howell (18)
Melanie Springer (19)
Vincent Wells (19)
Clara Wells (19)
Pauline Auer (20)
Laura Manes (20)
Ruby Mowery (20)
Julie Sherman (20)
Bill Halbrook (21)
Tom Banet (22)
Julia Brita (22)
Christine Dailey (22)
Pearl Heidecker (22)

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WELCOME NEW MEMBERS!

The following young people made their confession of faith and were baptized Easter Sunday morning: Matt Busse, Megan and Michelle Callahan, Brandon Falbe, Rebecca and Sarah Feeley, Sara Glasgow, Laura Hamm, and Lindsay Miller. Congratulations to you all!

Thanks to their guides James Bushey, Margaret Champion, Judith Church, Eunice Conrad, Brenda Kelly, Debora Knudsen, Richard Mey, and Marlo Quick for preparing them for membership.

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Prison Chaplain

CONCERNS & JOYS

Don Parlette is in Lutheran Hospital. He is much improved.

Ethel Allen has moved to the Lawton Park Nursing Home, 1649 Spy Run Avenue, Room 47.

Bob Byers is recovering from by-pass surgery this week at St. Joseph Hospital.

Judy Mey's father is seriously ill in West Virginia.

Dee & Glen Hanter are the proud new parents of Kate Elizabeth, born March 25.
Congratulations!

THANKS

Thanks to Don Oden for constructing lovely literature racks for the church. These will soon be filled with attractive and useful brochures and information.

WELCOME to Thomasina Dutcher our new Nursery Care Giver. Thomasina loves to do all kinds of crafts, enjoys sewing and doing things together with her husband Gary and their 3 children.

ADDITIONAL EASTER PLANT DONATIONS

In Memory of Greg Allen from Ed & Sue Allen.

In Memory of Linda's grandfather, Cordova Juday, from the Stover Family.

In Memory of Dwight Davis from John & Brenda Proegler and Anne Lee.

From Charles & Jean McGrew.

From John & Jo Weyer.

CYF

We will meet this Saturday at the church at 12:00 noon to plan for our Lock-In and Youth Sunday Service. Everyone interested in giving some input into "your" program, please come and bring a sack lunch. We're also going to talk about possibilities for the summer and what we might do in the months ahead. Hope to see all CYF here Saturday at 12:00.

Jeff Bates

BASKETBALL RESUMES SATURDAY!

Everyone interested in "cardio-vascular activity" at West Creighton Christian Church meet at 2:00 p.m. there at the church to play some basketball. We've had a good time together so far - let's keep the adrenalin pumping!

NO CHI RHO NEXT WEEK, APRIL 5!

BRAIDED STREAMS

Esther and a Woman's
Way of Growing

WOMEN'S STUDY

GROUP

APRIL 5 - 7:30-9:00

by Marjory Zoet Bankson

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FROM PARSON TO PERSON

Dear Friends,

I hope Easter was especially blessed for you this year! We are so grateful for the shared talents and hard work of our choirs, worship committee, staff, and others who helped bring us to such a joyous experience of the resurrection! Thank you all!

A special opportunity has arisen! Next February through March 3 (1990), you could go with me, Chuck Babcock, and others of the Christian Church in Indiana to a work and learning experience in Honduras. We would help to create a Christian Retreat Center out of 40 acres that have been purchased for this purpose, and we would have opportunity to work with, get to know, and learn from Honduran people. As a part of the experience we would study the issues confronting Third World Countries (economic, political, religion, etc.). This is for any able-bodied adult or youth (you don't have to be muscle-bound, just in average condition). We would travel by chartered jet from Indianapolis. The cost will be as low as possible, but is still being formulated. It should cost well under \$1,000.00 per person, however.

If you are interested in this possibility, and would like more information, I need to hear from you immediately - this week! Please call me as soon as possible to express your interest (no commitment is needed now, but expressions of interest are essential). Thanks.

This Sunday, Paul Crow will be with us. Come and learn from Paul's vast experience Sunday morning and Sunday evening at 7:00 p.m.!

See you Sunday!

Love,

Dick

P.S. Men! See you at breakfast Saturday!

P.S.S. I'll begin a four week study of theology in the Discipleship Sunday School Class for adults this Sunday. We meet on the third floor. All are welcome to join us! We'll learn more about the nature of God, good and evil, and whatever you're interested in!

THE FESTIVAL CHOIRS THANKS

With the mission of international friendship through the language of handbell music before them, the Festival Choirs (Festival of Peace and Understanding) will be presenting the gift of four octaves of handbells and all the necessary equipment to a church in Caputh bei Potsdam in East Germany. Seven of the group are leaving June 30 so that they will have a week to train ringers from the Evangelische Kirche there before the rest of the choirs' members arrive July 8 for the presentation concert. From there, the choirs will be on tour through East and West Germany.

Attached to the handles of the bells will be gift tags from friends, churches, choirs, businesses who have wished to be a part of the gift, with their greetings and perhaps a picture of the choir or church. The Festival Choir Board thought that it would be so wonderful to have the bell cases full of good wishes from American friends as well as the beautiful bells.

First Christian will have a chance to be a part of this unusual gift on April 9 when a special offering will be taken. (Bells range in price from \$70.00 to \$254.00). The Festival Choirs are a non-profit organization and all gifts are tax deductible.

The choirs are ecumenical and inter-racial, and have sung and rung often in the Ft. Wayne community. They have been on three extended tours, two in the midwest and one to Europe in 1987. They may be heard in concert April 16 at South Wayne Baptist, April 23 at Trinity English Lutheran, April 30 at West Creighton Christian, May 21 at Peace UCC. Helen Donnell is the Music Director with Phil Zimmerman Bell Choir Director and Organist, and Eunice Wadewitz Pianist. Three of our ringers Rose Ann Gaskill, Rose Newton, and Elaine Howdysell are members of the choirs.

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CHURCH CALENDAR

SATURDAY, APRIL 1

8:00 A.M. Men's Breakfast
11:00 A.M. Jeff Bates' PRC Meeting
2:00 P.M. Basketball at West Creighton

SUNDAY, APRIL 2

8:15 A.M. First Worship
9:30 A.M. Church School
9:30 A.M. Senior High Forum
10:45 A.M. Second Worship
6:15 P.M. Prayer Service
7:00 P.M. Paul Crow & Area I at FCC

MONDAY, APRIL 3

8:30 A.M. Staff Meeting
9:00 A.M. Mother's Morning Out
9:30 A.M. Monday Morning Study Group
7:00 P.M. Calling Night
7:00 P.M. Exercise Class

TUESDAY, APRIL 4

7:30 P.M. Braided Streams

WEDNESDAY, APRIL 5

5:00 P.M. Youth Bells
6:30 P.M. Creative Arts in Worship,
Grades 1-5

7:00 P.M. Exercise Class

7:15 P.M. Youth Choir

THURSDAY, APRIL 6

9:30 A.M. Naomi Group at Dorothy
Schmidt's, 219 W. Sherwood
Terrace

5:30 P.M. Carillon

7:00 P.M. Chancel Choir

FRIDAY, APRIL 7

8:00 P.M. CYF Lock-In

SATURDAY, APRIL 8

2:00 P.M. Identti-Child Program

BIRTHDAYS April 1-8

Glasys Harshbarger (11)
Paul Yentes (11)
Marlo Quick (2)
Marshall Smith (2)
Sylvia Engle (3)
Phyllis Fitch (4)
Mini Westernfield (4)
Sharon Pauley (5)
Anne Shirley (5)

SERVING APRIL 2

ELDERS

Bill Johnson and
Sam Hayes

Eileen Klepfer and
Donald Kampenga

DIACONATE & GREETERS

8:15 A.M. J. Young-SW, K. Graham-
NW, M. Snouffer, K. Tobias
10:45 A.M. M. Mullen-SW, S. Zimmer-
man-NW, J. Lindsay-SE, B. Lindsay-NE,
D. Mey, J. Mey, K. Feeley, A. Hayes

GREETERS

8:15 A.M. Bud & Mary Sue Ludwig
10:45 A.M. Grace Truby & Mabel Watson

USHERS

8:15 A.M. E. Snouffer, D. Smith,
J. Ott

10:45 A.M. C. McGrew, J. Clevenger,
D. Kreischer, T. Knuckles

JUNIOR USHERS

Rebecca Feeley & Laura Hamm

HOMEBOUND COMMUNION

R. Church - B. Kerley
K. Ohneck - S. Oden
E. Conrad - D. Ross
W. Westerfield - R. Stover

COMMUNION PREPARATION

M. Snouffer, Lindsays, M. Hamm

EXTENDED SESSION LEADERS

Deb Rinker & Sam Hayes

COFFEE HOUR HOSTS

ACOLYTES

Julie Fanger & Christie Glasgow

LAY WORSHIP LEADERS

8:15 A.M. Mildred Hartman
10:45 A.M. Bob Orr

BIRTHDAYS CONTINUED

Scott Keebontz (6)
Genevieve Ripple (6)



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HYMN SING SUNDAY!

Before each service Sunday, we'll take a few minutes to sing some favorite songs together. This week's three numbers will include "Every Morning Is Easter Morning", which has been requested by a number of people. Come a few minutes early and enjoy!

JAIL MINISTRY FORUM

The Jail Ministry Forum will take place this Sunday, during the Sunday School hour, 9:30 - 10:30 A.M. in Fellowship Hall. All youth and adults, including Sunday School Classes are invited to join together for this informative hour with Allen County Jail Chaplain, Doyle Staton.

BOARD MEETS: Tuesday, April 11, 7:30 P.M.

COALITION OF SOUTHSIDE NEIGHBORHOODS: Meets Monday, April 10, 7:00 P.M. at the church.

CYF - LAST CHANCE!



Lock in Friday night April 7. Gather at the church at 8:00 p.m. We need to know how many to expect. Please let Linn or Jeff know, call the church office (744-3239) during the day or Linn evenings at 447-2926.

Adult and Youth FORUM

April 9-9:30 a.m.
Fellowship Hall

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CONCERNS & JOYS

Don Parlette is in Lutheran Hospital. He is much improved.

Judy Mey is also in Lutheran Hospital.

Word has been received that Florence Palmer, who has been visiting here sister, has broken a hip. She is in Paris Community Hospital, E. Court St., Paris, Illinois, 61944.

Bob Byers is recovering from by-pass surgery this week at St. Joseph Hospital.

THANKS

Ruby Mowery sends her thank you's for the notes, visits, cards, and prayers during her recent illness. She especially thanks the ministers for their calls.

MEN'S GROUP NEWS

About twenty men gathered together for breakfast at church last Saturday! The group has decided it will meet on first Saturdays at 7:30 A.M. for breakfast and fellowship. Other special events will occasionally be planned as well. All men are welcome to come and join us on May 6, 7:30 A.M.. Charlie Hatten will be the cook, but come anyway!

ALLELUIA!

There have been many comments made about the beauty of the Maundy Thursday and Easter services and my heart is full of gratitude to so many who made them happen with truth and excitement. I have to feel that those who were so willing and who gave so much time and energy were responding yet again to the love of God, who gave first. To one and all, thank you very much.

Special mention is deserved by Laura York and Mindy Hamm for "set decoration" and transformation, and again to Mindy, Lois, Bob and Loretta for so many phone calls. Also, special love to Kirk, Ray, Sara, and Mike Walsh, our soloists, and to each of the readers and members of the ensemble. Charles Hatten....you were a super "parade marshall"! The music for the Holy Week services was particularly demanding for members of our choirs. First Christian is unusually blessed by these talented and dedicated young people and adults.

Especially do we appreciate our organist and accompanist, Jerry, who played so much, and our Diane in the office, who typed so much, and to members of the staff who were supportive and helpful all the way.

God bless you every one and thank you!

Helen

CWF NEWS

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FROM PARSON TO PERSON

Dear Friends,

I guess the best way to sum up the experience of the choirs and narratives and all on Easter Sunday morning is to quote one three year old's comment: "Wow!" (this from Jesse Marks). It was indeed a beautiful day! The presence of some 510 worshippers didn't hurt the atmosphere!

My family and I enjoyed hosting the Crows this weekend. I'm sure Paul shared what was, for many of us, new information. He'll be speaking at Downtown Rotary today (Monday), and Channel 33 taped an interview with him yesterday. A press conference will held later this morning downtown.

So much of the "information" we get about other nations and peoples, and especially those with whom we have differences, is so distorted and prejudiced. It's refreshing, I think, to hear another perspective. I am very grateful to Dr. Crow for being with us. We can be proud of our Disciple involvement in the world through our own Council On Christian Unity, through the Councils of Churches, and through our mission work done in partnership with other denominations.

The dates of the Honduran Work Camp trip I mentioned last week in my article were incompletely printed. The trip would be February 17 thru March 3. If you are interested at all, please let me know this week!

See you Sunday!

Love,

Dick

P.S. My sermon Sunday will be based on the story of Paul's conversion to Christianity. Come and learn from this man who became a new creation!

THE FESTIVAL CHOIRS

With the mission of international friendship through the language of handbell music before them, the Festival Choirs (Festival of Peace and Understanding) will be presenting the gift of four octaves of handbells and all the necessary equipment to a church in Caputh bei Potsdam in East Germany. Seven of the group are leaving June 30 so that they will have a week to train ringers from the Evangelische Kirche there before the rest of the choirs' members arrive July 8 for the presentation concert. From there, the choirs will be on tour through East and West Germany.

Attached to the handles of the bells will be gift tags from friends, churches, choirs, businesses who have wished to be a part of the gift, with their greetings and perhaps a picture of the choir or church. The Festival Choir Board thought that it would be so wonderful to have the bell cases full of good wishes from American friends as well as the beautiful bells.

First Christian will have a chance to be a part of this unusual gift on April 9 when a special offering will be taken. (Bells range in price from \$70.00 to \$254.00). The Festival Choirs are a non-profit organization and all gifts are tax deductible.

The choirs are ecumenical and inter-racial, and have sung and rung often in the Ft. Wayne community. They have been on three extended tours, two in the midwest and one to Europe in 1987. They may be heard in concert April 16 at South Wayne Baptist, April 23 at Trinity English Lutheran, April 30 at West Creighton Christian, May 21 at Peace UCC. Helen Donnell is the Music Director with Phil Zimmerman Bell Choir Director and Organist, and Eunice Wadewitz Pianist. Three of our ringers Rose Ann Gaskill, Rose Newton, and Elaine Howdyshell are members of the choirs.

SERVING APRIL 9

ELDERS

8:15 A.M. Curt Miller and
Bill Crouse
10:45 A.M. John Ohneck and
Kris Ohneck

DIACONATE & GREETERS

8:15 A.M. S. Smith-SW, M. Snouffer-
NW, M. Ashton, C. Long
10:45 A.M. L. Brey-SW, R. Stover-NW,
L. Stover-SE, E. Yeoman-NE, D.
Kreischer, M. Hamm, D. Ross, T.
Davis

GREETERS

8:15 A.M. Delores Keebortz
10:45 A.M. Deloris Anspach & Don
Anspach

USHERS

8:15 A.M. E. Snouffer, D. Smith,
M. Thomas
10:45 A.M. C. McGrew, J. Clevenger,
E. Nordblom, W. Bowen

JUNIOR USHERS

Kelly Walsh & Alisha Stover

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Knudsens & D. Harter

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Karen Bushey & Sue Stow

COFFEE HOUR HOSTS

John & Becky Glasgow
ACOLYTES

George Smith & Kyle Kerley

LAY WORSHIP LEADERS

8:15 A.M. Paul Champion
10:45 A.M. Nedra Feeley

CHURCH CALENDAR

SATURDAY, APRIL 8

2:00 P.M. Identi-Child Program

SUNDAY, APRIL 9

8:15 A.M. First Worship
9:30 A.M. Jail Ministry Forum
9:30 A.M. Church School
9:30 A.M. Senior High Forum
10:45 A.M. Second Worship
6:15 P.M. Prayer Service
MONDAY, APRIL 10
8:30 A.M. Staff Meeting
7:00 P.M. Calling Night
7:00 P.M. Exercise Class
7:00 P.M. Coalition of S.S. Neigh-
borhoods
TUESDAY, APRIL 11
9:30 A.M. Area Food Bank Meeting
11:30 A.M. Rebecca Circle
12:45 P.M. Rachel Circle
7:30 P.M. Board of Trustees
WEDNESDAY, APRIL 12
5:00 P.M. Youth Bells
6:15 P.M. Chi Rho
6:30 P.M. Creative Arts in Worship,
Grades 1-5
7:00 P.M. Exercise Class
7:15 P.M. Youth Choir
THURSDAY, APRIL 13
5:30 P.M. Carillon
7:00 P.M. Chancel Choir

BIRTHDAYS APRIL 9-15

Donald Kampenga (9)
Ann Sands (9)
Betty Grimm (10)
Bud Ludwig (10)
Becky Glasgow (12)
Adam Hayes (12)
Bud O'Laughlin (13)
Phyllis Tobias (13)
Golden Rose (14)
Fern Strole (14)
Ruth Yost (15)

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QUARTERLY STEWARDSHIP STATEMENTS

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NOTE TO ELDERS AND DEACONS FOR THIS SUNDAY, APRIL 16, 1989

Because Youth Sunday is this Sunday, youth will be handling the parts of elders and deacons. You will not be required to serve. We're looking forward to serving you!

NO BASKETBALL THIS SATURDAY due to activities at West Creighton. Anybody interested in some pitch-and-catch softball, come to the church at 2:00 p.m. and let's loosen up! Softball season is right around the corner!

BARBEE WORKDAY

The annual Barbee workday will be held May 20, 1989. This years projects include: cleaning, painting, landscaping, and general repair and improvements to the camp. One of the key improvements will be to install exhaust fans in the cabins to help make the campers more comfortable during our hot summers. All workers are welcome. The day will start at 9:00 a.m. and conclude at 4:00 p.m. Lunch will be served at noon. Contact the church office or Ken Taylor at 485-5348 for more details.

BREAD FOR THE WORLD meets Tuesday, April 18, 6:00 - 7:00 p.m.

CWF NEWS

SPRING BANQUET - Monday evening May 1 at 6:30 p.m. The Rev. Margaret McCray-Worrall will be our guest.

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CONCERNS & JOYS

Dick Vanderwall's brother died in South Bend Saturday after a long, difficult illness.

Anne Shirley's mother died April 5 in Vernon, Texas. Our prayers are with the family.

Florence Palmer is now in her sister's home again and is making progress with her broken pelvis.

Judy Mey, Margaret Snouffer, and Don Parlette continue at Lutheran Hospital.

Bob Byers remains in St. Joseph Hospital.

THANK YOU!

Diane Johnson, our secretary, has been on vacation for several days and several volunteers kept the office going while she was gone. Thanks so much to Evelyn Yeoman, Mary Sue Ludwig, Tina Hatten, Jennifer Byers, Mary Wilhelm (who helps every Thursday), and Genevieve Ripple.

CONGRATULATIONS!

Congratulations to former members Mary and Hendricks Love on their 50th wedding anniversary. Their children, Deborah, Nathan, and Susan honored them with a reception on April 1, 1989 at the Yale Avenue Christian Church in Tulsa, OK. The Hendricks' address in Tulsa is 6732 E. 27th Place, zip code - 74129.

CAN YOU FIND 16 BOOKS OF THE BIBLE IN THE FOLLOWING PARAGRAPH! (UNDERLINE THEM)

I once made some remarks about hidden books in the Bible. It was a lulu; kept some people looking so hard for facts, and to others it was a revelation. Some where in a jam, especially since the books were not capitalized. But the truth finally struck home to numbers of readers. To others, it was a real job. We want it to be a most fascinating few moments for you. Yes, there will be some really easy ones to spot. Others might require judges to determine. We will quickly admit it usually takes a minister to find one, and there will be loud lamentations when you see how simple it is. A little lady says that if she brews tea, she can concentrate better. See how well you can compete. Relax now, there are sixteen in this paragraph.

CWF CALENDAR

MAY 1 - Spring Banquet

Please bring a salad or dessert. The election of officers will follow the meal. Officers elect are: Mildred Hartman, President; Evelyn Yeoman, Vice-President; Lauren Ewing, Secretary; Dorothy Overmyer, Treasurer.

MAY 6 - Spring Assembly at North Christian Church. 9:00 a.m. Lunch and Nursery. Cost is \$4.50.

JUNE 2 - Rummage-Attic Sale sponsored by Rebecca Circle. Edna Nordblom will coordinate.

JUNE 24 - Clean-up-Pick-Up-Day.

JULY 20 - Picnic to install new officers.

FROM PARSON TO PERSON

Dear Friends,

I finished up my taxes last night! The tax laws are so complicated for ministers! We are considered self-employed by the IRS (rather bizarre, unless you happen to own the church!). Ministers get an income tax break on housing, but that break is taken away by the requirement that we pay self-employment tax. I have to file 1040 (like everyone), Schedule C, Schedule A, form 2106, form SE, and several supplemental statements. It usually takes me about 15 hours total to get it all together. It's a real pain. But you know what? I just love living in these United States! I don't like everything my taxes buy (that's why I'm constantly writing my representatives and otherwise sounding off!), like weapons for oppressive Third World governments, but I do love living here and am grateful for the privilege. So, while taxes are a pain, they are necessary, and much of what they buy is just super.

There is a hint of tax revolt in the air right now, especially in Fort Wayne. And while I agree that taxes are high, we must be careful not to give ourselves to tax revolt without considering what specific taxes we are talking about. Some proposed taxes are essential, while many already on the books are overdue for removal. We just need to be careful about which is which. And, of course, when deciding about which taxes deserve support and which not, we must look to our Christian values as the final authority. We must also insist your accountability from those responsible for administering our taxes and government programs.

Hope you have a great week! See you Sunday.

Love,

Dick

P.S. Sunday's sermon will be based on Matthew 22:35-40, and will be entitled "Love As a Discipline".

Oh, Jonah!

Rehearsals are well under way, and beginning this week will involve all participants from 6:30 to 8:00 p.m. every Wednesday. Please be present for the few remaining practices.

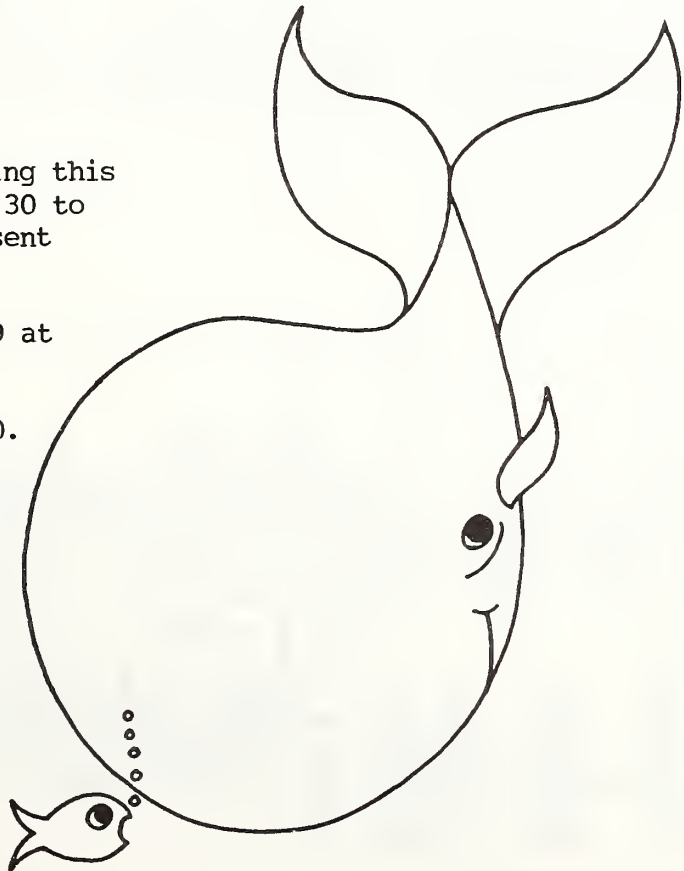
Dress Rehearsal will be Saturday, April 29 at 1:00 p.m. VIP practice.

Performance is 10:45 a.m. Sunday, April 30.

Chi Rho kids will be making banners beginning at 6:00 p.m. Wednesday.

Cost is \$10.00 per participant for costuming which will include T-shirt, belt, suspenders, deely boppers. Does not include funky sunglasses!

Questions: Call Helen or Linn.



SERVING APRIL 16

ELDERS

8:15 & 10:45 A.M. Tami Davis and
Bryce Stover

GREETERS

8:15 A.M.
10:45 A.M. John Ohneck

USHERS

8:15 A.M. E. Snouffer, D. Smith,
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ACOLYTES

Shawn & Brooke Spencer

LAY WORSHIP LEADERS

8:15 & 10:45 A.M. Tina Hatten

CHURCH CALENDAR

SUNDAY, APRIL 16 - YOUTH SUNDAY

8:15 A.M. First Worship
9:30 A.M. Church School
10:45 A.M. Second Worship
6:15 P.M. Prayer Service
MONDAY, APRIL 17
8:30 A.M. Staff Meeting
9:00 A.M. Mother's Morning Out
9:30 A.M. Monday Morning Study Group
7:00 P.M. Exercise Class
7:00 P.M. Calling Night

TUESDAY, APRIL 18

7:30 A.M. IMA Tour at Wickes Pies
6:00 P.M. Bread for the World
7:30 P.M. Sarah Circle

WEDNESDAY, APRIL 19

5:00 P.M. Youth Bells
6:15 P.M. Chi Rho
6:30 P.M. Creative Arts in Worship,
Grades 1-5
7:00 P.M. Exercise Class
7:15 P.M. Youth Choir

THURSDAY, APRIL 20

5:30 P.M. Carillon
7:00 P.M. Chancel Choir

BIRTHDAYS APRIL 16-22

Diane Freimuth (16)
John Weyer (16)
Lillian Busse (17)
Ed Wooldridge (17)
Helen Polk (18)
Kate Cullen (19)
Iva Imbody (19)
Anlene Downes (20)
Opal Carper (21)
Julia Hendricks (21)
Gail Roe (21)
Karen Zimmerman (21)
Jack Hayes (22)
Larry Strickland (22)
Shenni Adams (22)

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WELCOME NEW MEMBERS!

Janet Smith and her daughter Maggie (Margaret) united with First Christian Church Sunday. Janet came by transfer from the American Baptist Church and Maggie by transfer. They live at 5715 Hoagland Avenue 46807, phone - 744-4427. Welcome friends!

CONGREGATIONAL MEETING

We will meet Sunday, April 23, 9:30 a.m., in the sanctuary for a brief meeting to elect officers for the new year. All members are expected, all visitors are welcome.

LEADERSHIP WORKSHOP OFFERED

ALL OFFICERS, LEADERS, AND INTERESTED PERSONS NOTE!!

We will be having our annual Leadership Workshop on Tuesday, April 25, 7:00 - 8:30 p.m. in the Conference Room. All (including incoming) officers, elders, diaconate, and other interested persons are welcome. Come and join in this informative hour.

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SOFTBALL SEASON IS HERE!

The first practice will be this Saturday, April 22, 10:00 a.m., at the St. Francis College Practice Field, at Lindenwood and Spring Streets. Everyone is welcome to come out and play!

AREA I BOARD MEETING

Monday, April 24, 6:30 p.m., at Auburn, First. Call our office (744-3239) by Friday, to RSVP or call 1-925-2798.

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FLOWERS ARE NEEDED for April 30, May 7 and May 21. Please sign up for these dates or call the church office or Erma Vanderwall (484-7878). Thank you.

NOTE: If you will not be picking up these flowers by the next day, please call the church office to let us know, so they may be distributed to those that are hospitalized or shut-in.

CONCERNS & JOYS

Ethel Allen died Friday. Her funeral was at the church Tuesday. Our prayers are with her family.

Brooke Spencer won the Young Author's Award at St. Joseph Central Elementary School. She was 1 of 4 students out of the 4th grade. Congratulations!

Sara Mullen and Chris Murray were nominated for the News Sentinel's Sterling Sentinel Awards scholarship program. Congratulations!

THANK YOU VERY MUCH -

The members of the Festival Choir, especially Rose Gaskill and Helen Donnell, Rose and Jim Newton, who are involved with the music activities here, express to all those who responded to the special offering for the gift of the Bells to the Evangelische Kirche in Caputh bei Potsdam their deep appreciation for your help.

We would like also to say that the real thanks will come from East German Christians, for they will enjoy the music of the bells, and the significance of Christian unity represented by the bells, for years to come. The gift is to them, not to us.

Your gift to us is your support and encouragement, and the sharing of the dream of international friendship and person to person diplomacy.

We are very grateful, and feel much stronger, knowing that this congregation undergirds us with prayers.

It will be a pleasure to tie the gift tag from First Christian on a handle of one of the bells on cases.

God Bless you all,
Helen

THANK YOU'S

You know, one of the things that I'm really enjoying right now is teaching the Progressive Class - I believe that I am, however, learning more than I am teaching! I want to thank the faithful members of the class who make Sunday School such a rich and enjoyable time for me. May we love God and each other!

Jeff Bates

For the witness of the youth on Youth Sunday we are most thankful. May we all have courage and love enough to "break the lines" of injustice and sin in our lives and in our world.

Jeff Bates

NO BASKETBALL, this week since softball practice is at 10:00 a.m. on Saturday morning. Practice is at St. Francis College. Call Grady Vanderwall for further details. Batter Up!

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the south-west corner of Fellow-
ship hall!



FROM PARSON TO PERSON

Dear Friends,

After a year of planning and thinking and talking about it, suddenly sabbatical is only five weeks away! This realization brought near panic to me the other night! However, we are moving toward it in an orderly fashion. I have been working through the details "of who does what while I'm gone" with the staff and elders. A "Sabbatical Staff Support Group" (Judy Church, Bill Franklin, Liz Johnson, John Kelly, Eunice Conrad, and Dick Vanderwall) has been established to help keep things on an even keel and to assist our excellent staff in my absence.

Some may wonder, "Why a sabbatical?" Well, it was something I expressed a desire for when I arrived seven years ago. Ministry is a privilege in so many ways, but it is also totally consuming. Occasionally, a minister needs time to study and reflect, to receive new insights and ideas, to discover what others are doing, and simply to refresh.

Most ministers move on to another parish when they "burn out", which is one reason most ministers don't stay in one place very long. Sabbatical seems like an infinitely better idea than moving every few years! I hope you agree.

During these three months, May 22 - August 22, I will be evaluating my preaching, developing a sermon plan for the next three years or so, worshipping in a variety of different churches, praying, running, reading, writing, and relaxing. Most of my time will be spent in St. Pete at my folks' (the room and board is reasonable and the food is excellent!). I will also be in Chicago, Indianapolis, and New York from time to time.

Coincidentally, I have three good friends who are also on sabbatical this summer. It is an idea that has caught on in a number of churches, and among many businesses.

The Elders believe this will be a good experience for our church, as well as for me, as a letter you will receive from them soon will detail. I think they are right.

In future weeks, I'll share more about all of this with you. See you Sunday.

Love,

Dick

P.S. This week's sermon is "Forgiveness". Now, there's one we can all use!

THE FESTIVAL CHOIR - CONCERT SCHEDULE

Members of the Festival Choirs warmly invite you to attend one of their concerts to be presented in the area this spring. The program is called "Dreams For Tomorrow", for that is the theme of their music and activity for 1989. Please come and enjoy.

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| April 23 | - Trinity English Lutheran
405 W. Wayne Street | 7:30 p.m.
Sponsored by Associated Churches |
| April 30 | - West Creighton Christian Church
845 West Creighton Avenue | 5:00 p.m. |
| May 21 | - Peace United Church of Christ
9123 Aboite Center Road | 5:00 p.m. |
| June 4 | - St. Mary's Catholic Church
430 E. Jefferson Blvd. - Half of the offering will go to the Soup Kitchen | 7:00 p.m. |

PLEASE NOTE:

Committees will not meet on Tuesday, April 25 due to the Leadership Workshop. However, the Christian Education Committee will meet on Wednesday, April 26, 7:30 p.m.

SERVING APRIL 23

ELDERS

8:15 A.M. Dwain Graham and
Delores Keebortz
10:45 A.M. Gene Klepfer and
Rolland Ripple
DIACONATE & GREETERS
8:15 A.M. K. Graham-SW, S. Smith-
NW, K. Tobias, N. Mennewisch
10:45 A.M. M. Mullen-SW, E. Yeoman-
NW, R. Stover-SE, L. Stover-NE, M.
Knudsen, D. Knudsen, M. Piatt, C.
Hatten

USHERS

8:15 A.M. E. Snouffer, D. Smith,
A. Thomas
10:45 A.M. C. McGrew, J. Clevenger,
H. Banet, T. Knuckles

JUNIOR USHERS

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D.J. Rinker & Sarah Feeley
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Francis College

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9:30 A.M. Senior High Forum
10:45 A.M. Second Worship
6:15 P.M. Prayer Service
MONDAY, APRIL 24
8:30 A.M. Staff Meeting
6:30 P.M. Area I Board at Auburn, First
7:00 P.M. Calling Night
7:00 P.M. Exercise Class

TUESDAY, APRIL 25

7:00 P.M. Leadership Workshop

WEDNESDAY, APRIL 26

5:00 P.M. Youth Bells
6:15 P.M. Chi Rho
6:30 P.M. Creative Arts in Worship,
Grades 1-5

7:00 P.M. Exercise Class

7:15 P.M. Youth Choir

7:30 P.M. Christian Education Committee

THURSDAY, APRIL 27

5:30 P.M. Carillon

7:00 P.M. Chancel Choir

SATURDAY, APRIL 29

8:00 A.M. Share the Care Day
1:00 P.M. Rehearsal for Jonah - Mandatory!

BIRTHDAYS APRIL 23-29

Dick Mey (23)
Becca Olson (23)
Devena Harter (24)
Gnady Vandervall (24)
Jessie Fenn Woodward (28)

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Volume XLVII April 26, 1989 No. 17

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WELCOME NEW MEMBERS!

Russell and Bonnie Parks transferred their membership to us this Sunday. They live at 1134 Cinnamon Road 46825; phone - 483-3593, with their daughter Emily. Welcome Parks!

SHARE THE CARE THIS SATURDAY!

Come and help us get the building and grounds in shape for Spring! All hands welcome! We'll start at 8:00 a.m. Come when you can, leave when you must.

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CONGREGATIONAL MEETING REPORT

The slate of officers for 1989-90 were approved as presented by Lay Leadership and the Board.

PARENT-CHILD DEDICATION

The following were dedicated Sunday:

Michael Allen Roop, born 12-12-88, son of Tim Knuckles and Laura Roop.

Mara Layne Mishler, born 1-6-89, daughter of Mark and Julie Mishler.

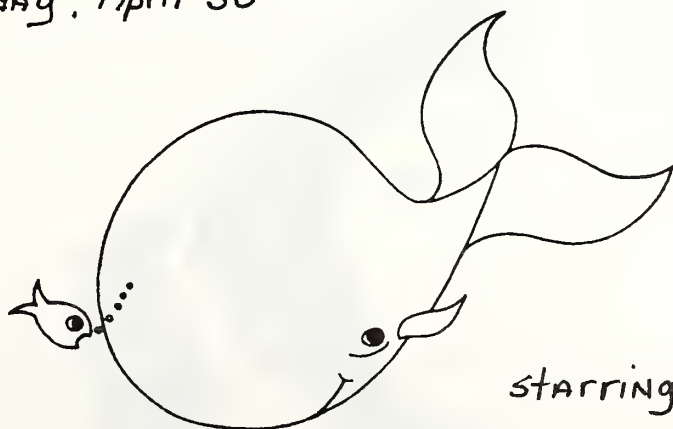
Courtney Lee Proegler, born 1-29-89, daughter of John and Brenda Proegler.

Amanda Elizabeth Wagoner, born 1-19-89, daughter of Joe and Jane Wagoner.

SOFTBALL SEASON IS HERE!

The next practice will be this Sunday, April 30, 2:00 p.m., at Lawton Park. Our first game will be Tuesday, May 2, 5:45 p.m.

Sunday, April 30



8:15 Whale of A Tale

10:45 Oh Jonah!

starring Angels and Sailors

AND Kids AND A Whale!

THANK YOU'S

Your many expressions of sympathy and love during my hospitalization meant a great deal to me. Thank you very much.

Don Parlette

TO THE YOUTH GROUP

Thank you for a lovely service. You were able to do what many of us feel we cannot. So nice to see our church will someday be in the hands of such fine people.

Donna Byers

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GLOBAL MISSION PARTNERS

Our partners, serving in Lesotho, South Africa need our prayers. Bob William's birthday is May 30. His address is: The Theological Seminary, P.O. Box 32, Marija 190, Lesotho. Jane William's birthday is October 18.



Pray for these...



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INDIANA REGIONAL RETREAT FOR WOMEN

June 10-11, 1989

Anderson University

Registration price goes up May 1.
Contact Kris Ohneck for more information.



FROM PARSON TO PERSON

Dear Friends,

I have been asked by the Stewardship Committee to make a report to you on how we're doing in our giving and finances.

The good news is that we are doing very well as a congregation when it comes to fulfilling our pledges. The great majority of us who pledge are right on target in keeping current. This is wonderful! Your love for God and the church shows through such faithfulness!

The not so good news is that we are somewhat underpledged this year. We have been conserving funds as much as possible, but we're still somewhat behind. We're still "in business" because we have delayed some of our commitments to causes beyond the congregation. This means that the giving of those who did not pledge this year takes on a special significance. Your gifts will determine whether we finish the year in the black or the red! Please give all you can so we can carry out our whole mission as a congregation.

Whether you pledge or not, your gifts are important and are appreciated by God and by those who are served because you care!

Change of subjects -- you have an option this week, both excellent. Linn Bartling will be preaching in the 8:15 a.m. service, and our children will be presenting "Jonah!" in the second service. Tough choice. Personally, I'd go to both services! Unfortunately, I can't be at either, as I will be attending a meeting of the General Board of the Christian Church (Disciples of Christ). The General Board meets once a year, and this next week is it. I am one of Indiana's representatives to the Board. We will be reviewing resolutions and other business for the General Assembly coming up July 27 - August 1, in Indianapolis. Have you registered for this event yet? See me for forms.

Have a great week.

Love,

Dick

BRAIDED STREAMS will meet Tuesday,
May 2, at 7:30 p.m. in the
Parlor.

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AREA 1 SPRING
WOMEN'S WORKSHOP
ALL Women Welcome!

Saturday
May 6
9:00 a.m.
\$4.50

CELEBRATING THE
FAMILY OF GOD



**NORTH CHRISTIAN
CHURCH**

Nursery & Lunch

Contact Linda Stover or Mindy Hamm

Contact the church office for reservations
by May 1!

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Bill Johnson
10:45 A.M. Tom Walsh and
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LAY WORSHIP LEADERS

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10:45 A.M. Bryce Stover

BIRTHDAYS APRIL 29 - MAY 8

Mildred Hutchinson (30)
Gini Brown (2)
Lanny Busse (3)
Gerry Hallbrook (3)
Inez Petty (3)
Helen Steigewald (4)

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9:30 A.M. Monday Morning Study Group
6:30 P.M. CWF Spring Banquet
7:00 P.M. Exercise Class
7:00 P.M. Calling Night

TUESDAY, MAY 2

5:45 P.M. Softball Game
7:30 P.M. Braided Streams

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Grades 1-5

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THURSDAY, MAY 4

9:30 A.M. Naomi Circle
5:30 P.M. Carillon
7:00 P.M. Chancel Choir

SATURDAY, MAY 6

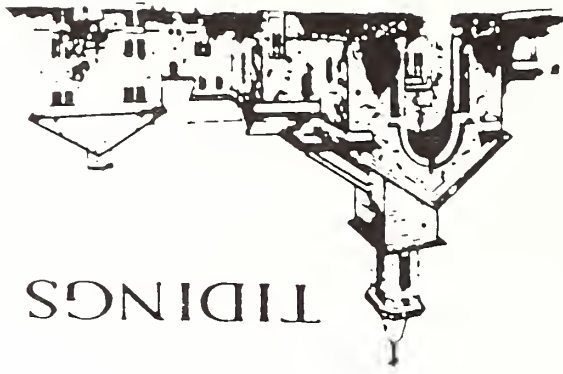
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Edna Johnson (5)
Ralph Reynolds (6)
Anne Annos (7)

Jackie Keller (8)
Dick Vanderwall (8)
Inene Woolridge (8)

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FINANCE COMMITTEE

The Finance Committee will meet at 6:00 p.m. at Casa D'Angelo's Tuesday, May 6, 6:00 p.m.

BOARD MEETING - Tuesday, May 9, 7:30 p.m.

JOYS & CONCERNS

Judy Mey remains a patient at Lutheran Hospital.
Gene Klepfer is at Lutheran Hospital.
Phyllis Tobias is home recovering from surgery.
Jerry Zimmerman's grandfather died last week after a long illness. Our prayers are with Jerry and the family.
Pat Mullen's dad has had a heart attack, but is doing O.K.
Karla Dyer, a former student staff person here, is graduating from Eureka College May 13!

AN INVITATION TO THE CONGREGATION

You are cordially invited to attend a recital given by the voice and piano students of Sara Davis this coming Sunday afternoon, May 7, at 3:00 p.m. in the church sanctuary. A reception will be held in the parlor following the performance.

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Pray for these...

INDIANA REGIONAL RETREAT FOR WOMEN

1989 RETREAT ANNOUNCED

"2029: CREATING A VISION" is the theme of the 1989 Regional Retreat for Women, which will be held June 10 & 11, 1989 at Anderson University. The Keynote speaker will be Rev. Deborah Thompson of the Chicago Disciple Union. She will speak to us about CWF, which celebrates its 40th birthday in 1989 and the Disciple women of the past, present, future. The worship leader will be Rev. Mary Randolph. The song leader will be Helen Donnell, Minister of Music at First Christian Church.

Contact Mindy Hamm or Kris Ohneck for applications.

2029: CREATING THE VISION

C.Y.F. meeting at Burger King this Saturday, May 6, at 12:00 noon.
Come and plan for summer activities together. Bring money for a Whopper!

June 10-11, 1989

Anderson University



FROM PARSON TO PERSON

Dear Friends,

As sabbatical approaches (May 22 - August 22) I'd like to share some reflections with you regarding three questions:

1. What do I want to happen to me personally?
2. How would I like the church to benefit?
3. How can my family benefit?

Regarding #1, work weeks of 60-70 hours year after year have taken their toll. I'm worn out. Sabbatical will be a time to refresh and rest. But more important, it will be a time for reflecting on my style of ministry to see why it takes 60-70 hours a week to do what I do! Surely there is a way to be more effective and yet spend fewer hours.

This will also be a time to "reload." I will be catching up on reading and attending some resource events. But more importantly, I will be spending many hours in prayer, seeking to reintegrate myself and seeking direction for the years ahead. I will also be developing sermon plans for the next three years, which will help take some pressure off. (I'm beginning to think I'll have ministry figured out about the time I retire!). Don't misunderstand me, I love ministry and feel secure in my sense of calling, I just need to get smarter in how I do it!

Regarding #2, this congregation has some tremendously strong lay leadership, but sometimes I think FCC lacks confidence in itself. The church is going to do great in my absence, and this will help build greater confidence in everyone, I think. This will be a time for the congregation and its leadership to shine in its commitment and capabilities. Of course, Linn, Helen, and Jeff will also be shining! I think people will come to a greater appreciation of their strengths and gifts.

Regarding #3, unfortunately, my family will not be able to be with me for most of the summer. However, we do have some regular vacation time scheduled into the sabbatical period. We'll be taking the train to Manhattan for a few days sightseeing and on to St. Pete for a few days with grandparents. In addition, I have scheduled two days with each of the kids alone. Laura and I are going to go canoeing in upper Michigan; David and I will go to Cedar Point and Wright-Patt. AFB. Mindy and I will be at General Assembly together. The combination of above time and together time should be good for all of us.

I anticipate coming back renewed, refreshed, and with a million ideas, a book manuscript, and a three year preaching plan. However, the first two (renewed and refreshed) are the priorities. The only thing I know for sure is that I intend to see every sunrise and every sunset! Thanks for making it possible.

See you Sunday.

Love,

Dick

OH, JONAH!

To all chorus members, sailors, angels, sinners, and soloists -- thank you very much! All of you together created an extraordinary time of scripture telling and of worship. Your singing was accurate and expressive and your speaking parts meaningful. Besides that, it was fun! I doubt if this congregation will ever forget the story of Jonah, most particularly your interpretation of it! You were wonderful!

We are also grateful to Sue Brey for the banners and paraments, and Sue Oden for the flowers and decoration of the Communion Table; to Valetta Parlette for her exceptional accompanying ability; to Teresa and Charles Hatten and all of Chi Rho for the Whale, banner designs, and coaching; to Jane Walsh for deely bopper repair and belts and suspenders and so much help at rehearsals; and to John Weyer -- an astonishing Whale!

Many flowers and congratulations to Laura - our Jonah; Emma, our captain; Collin, our King; an unusual group of talented angels; Sara, the lady of Ninevah -- the whole cast and crew!

It was superlative!

SERVING MAY 7

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 7:00 P.M. Ecumenical Festival at Simpson
 United Methodist

MONDAY, MAY 8

7:00 P.M. Coalition of SS Neighborhoods
 7:00 P.M. Exercise Class
 7:00 P.M. Calling Night

TUESDAY, MAY 9

11:30 A.M. Rebecca Circle
 12:45 P.M. Rachel Circle
 6:00 P.M. Finance Committee
 7:30 P.M. Board of Trustees

WEDNESDAY, MAY 10

6:00 P.M. Party for Youth Programs
 7:00 P.M. Exercise Class

THURSDAY, MAY 11

5:30 P.M. Carillon
 7:00 P.M. Chancel Choir

BIRTHDAYS MAY 9 - 16

Dan Dickey (10)
 Jo Franklin (10)
 Burl Feltenberger (12)
 Christina Hatten (12)
 John Hechler (12)
 Mildred Tharp (12)
 Gail Westerfield (12)
 Bernice Schnobel (13)
 Matt Busse (14)

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ECUMENICAL FESTIVAL

This annual celebration of ecumenical unity - many gifts, one spirit, was held at Simpson United Methodist Church May 7 at 7:00 p.m. It became one of our more exciting gatherings of choirs from different churches. We are very, very grateful to all the members of our Carillon Choir for hauling all the equipment, practicing, ringing so beautifully, and hauling it back home: to members of the Chancel Choir who were a part of the larger choir; and to Christie Glasgow and Colline Miller for singing with the very large childrens choir.

We appreciate also the support and encouragement of members of the congregation who were there!

Thank you one and all.

Helen

BREAD FOR THE WORLD meets Tuesday, May 16, 6:00 p.m., at the church. All welcome!

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JOYS & CONCERNS

We were saddened in the death of Mildred Tharp, mother of Eileen Klepfer. Her funeral was Saturday.

Gene Klepfer is now home recuperating.

Judy Mey is now home.

Alison Knappenberger is home recuperating from emergency surgery this last week.

Phyllis Tobias is recovering from surgery at home.

Mildred Hutchinson's brother, Glenn, died this week. Our prayers are with Mildred and her family.

Nedra Feeley's father died suddenly last Saturday in Jefferson City, MO. Remember Nedra and her family in prayer.

Eric Zimmerman is graduating from Eureka College, Saturday, May 13, with a B.A. Congratulations!

Melissa Orr will also receive a B.A. from Purdue on Saturday, May 13.

Patricia Wallace and Richard Bleich were married in our sanctuary Saturday evening, May 6. Our congratulations to them.

THANK YOU

Many thanks to everyone who helped out for the Teacher Recognition Breakfast last Sunday, and to everyone who donated food for the breakfast.



Pray for these...



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INDIANA REGIONAL RETREAT FOR WOMEN

1989 RETREAT ANNOUNCED

"2029: CREATING A VISION" is the theme of the 1989 Regional Retreat for Women, which will be held June 10 & 11, 1989 at Anderson University. The Keynote speaker will be Rev. Deborah Thompson of the Chicago Disciple Union. She will speak to us about CWF, which celebrates its 40th birthday in 1989 and the Disciple women of the past, present, future. The worship leader will be Rev. Mary Randolph. The song leader will be Helen Donnell, Minister of Music at First Christian Church.

Contact Mindy Hamm or Kris Ohneck for applications.



2029: CREATING THE VISION

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Anderson University

FROM PARSON TO PERSON

Dear Friends,

I saw a video tape of "Oh, Jonah" last night. Wow! Did the kids do great! I wish I could have seen it in person. However, the Board Meeting in St. Louis was worthwhile and productive.

The 1989 Women's Retreat (June 10 & 11, Anderson College) is advertised elsewhere in this edition. What it doesn't tell you is that Kris Ohneck is chair of that event and has been working hard on it all year. Way to go, Kris!

People sometimes wonder why we have two services at FCC (8:15 & 10:45). There are several reasons, including: 1. On many Sundays, we could not accommodate all the worshippers in one service (the kind of problem I like to have!). 2. Studies nationwide have shown that offering people options on worship times increases total attendance.

There are significant differences in the two services. For example, the 8:15 service is smaller in attendance, and quieter in mood. It is very meditative while 10:45 service is very celebrative with the choir and a larger crowd. At 8:15, communion is before the sermon, in 10:45 it is after (this not only offers an option, it also helps diaconate and elders to get communion out to the homebound every other Sunday before they have to be back to serve in 10:45). We have the children's time and extended session as part of 10:45 service only, because that's when most (but not all) families with children worship.

Sometimes it seems like we have two congregations here (an 8:15 and a 10:45), except when we fellowship together or share in a common class or other program.

If you go exclusively to one service, why not try the other one for a change, if only to see who's there!

See you Sunday!

Love,

Dick

P.S. Sunday my sermon will be entitled "From Babel to Pentecost". It is Pentecost Sunday, so plan to wear something red! Happy Mother's Day, too!

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SUNDAY SCHOOL FACULTY APPRECIATION

In services May 7, and at a special breakfast in their honor, the men and women who have given much to the excellence of our Christian Education Department were thanked. They are: Sue Brey, Debbie Knudsen, Edna Nordblom, Tom & Jane Walsh, Mindy Hamm, Sara Davis, Mike Mullen, Marlo Quick, Mike Piatt, Jack Williams, Pat Mullen, Judy & Ralph Church, Jim Bushey, Mildred Hartman, Curt & Deb Miller, Sam & Nancy Smith, Rolland Ripple, Bill Franklin, George Davis, Jack Weicker, Eunice Conrad, Sam Hayes, Mary Ashton, Connie Long, Deb Rinker, Jo Sickafoose, Sue Stow, Rosie Krull, Karen Bushey, Alison Knappenberger, Lenelle Ross, Margaret Champion, Bobbi Lindsay, Diane Mory, and Charles & Teresa Hatten.

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10:45 A.M. John Ohneck and
Eileen Klepfer

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NW, C. Long, J. Young
10:45 A.M. D. Oden-SW, S. Oden-NW,
J. Lindsay-SE, B. Lindsay-NE, M.
Mullen, P. Tobias, J. McGrew, T.
Davis

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8:30 A.M. Staff Meeting
9:00 A.M. Mother's Morning Out
9:30 A.M. Monday Morning Study Group
7:00 P.M. Exercise Class
7:00 P.M. Calling Night

TUESDAY, MAY 16

9:00 A.M. D.M.A. to Souder's Museum
6:00 P.M. Bread For The World
7:30 P.M. Sarah Circle

WEDNESDAY, MAY 17

5:30 P.M. Men's Group Tour of GM Plant
7:00 P.M. Exercise Class

THURSDAY, MAY 18

5:30 P.M. Carillon
7:00 P.M. Chancel Choir

SATURDAY, MAY 20

10:00 A.M. Golf Outing at Foster Park
Sherwood to Pettit Assoc.

NEXT SUNDAY: MAY 21 - CHOIR SUNDAY

BIRTHDAYS MAY 17 - 26

Sam Hayes (17) Michelle Callahan (17)
Dan Ross (18)
Art Thomas (18)
Shirley Howell (19)
Evelyn Kanczewski (19)
Earl Snouffer (19)
Karen Elkins (20)
Hazel Crouse (21)
Amy Hayes (21)
Bob Hendricks (21)
Ed Day (22)
Gay Bixenman (23)
Jennifer Byers (23)
Virginia Bruckman (25) Harold Nordblom (26)
Donald C. Smith (25) Kristin Byers (26)

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CHOIR SUNDAY, MAY 21

This Sunday celebrates the music of the choirs in their service to God and to this congregation. Anthems chosen are the favorites from this year's repertoire of the Chancel Choir. The Carillon Choir will also ring.

The choirs invite the congregation and friends to worship with them this Sunday morning at both services.

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CONCERNS & JOYS

Maggie Smith was baptized Sunday. Congratulations!

NEWS FROM AFAR!

Dave and Jeannie Pratt send greetings to everyone. They have finally found a new church home in Maineville, Ohio, where they now reside. All are well!

YOU'RE INVITED

Dick & Erma Vanderwall invite their friends of First Christian Church to help celebrate the wedding of their daughter, Jane, to Mr. Adam Wagoner on Saturday, May 20, 1989 at 6:00 p.m. at First Christian Church.

Reception to follow at the Elks Club.



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OH JONAH!

If anyone would like to have a video of Jonah, please give a blank tape to Larry Brey and he will make you a copy.

The kids enjoyed a pizza supper and a private viewing (!) of Jonah and have consented for it to be made public!

GLADYS BEAL LEAVES GIFT OF \$110,000.00!

Gladys Beal, never a member of our church, but a participant in Christian Women's Fellowship, died June 25, 1988. Last week we received word that she had left a major gift to the church! This is a major witness to our ministry together here at First Christian.

As an undesignated gift, it will be divided four ways, according to our Memorial Trust Policy. One-fourth will go to undergird scholarships for ministerial students and to support our new seminary intern program (the principle remains in tact, only the interest is used to fund these). One-fourth will go to an outreach capital fund, the total amount in this fund (interest and principle) being distributed each June to some Disciple outreach project. One-fourth will go to a capital fund, which underwrites projects around FCC (building, equipment, etc.). One-fourth goes to an endowment fund, the interest from which comes into the operational budget annually (the principle remains in tact).

We give thanks for this tremendous gift and all it will accomplish!

Have you included the church in your will?

FROM PARSON TO PERSON

Dear Friends,

Well, this will be my last Sunday with you for a while. Suddenly sabbatical is here! The staff is ready, the lay leadership is ready, I'm almost ready! I have every confidence in FCC as I depart until August 22. I know the time will fly by, but I know I will miss you all, too!

Have you heard about the Gladys Beal gift? The story is elsewhere in this Tidings. Praise God from whom all blessings flow! This does not effect our need to stay current with our giving, but it certainly will help our capital needs and make some great outreach gifts possible, as well as undergirding our scholarship program!

Have you returned your covenant card yet? Please bring it Sunday and put it in the offering plate, or mail it to the church office. I will be praying for you, too, all summer.

The staff is here to serve you. Call on them this summer as you would call on me!
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Dick

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HONDURAN WORK CAMP OPPORTUNITY

Would you like to accompany Dick Hamm to Honduras February 22 - March 18, 1990? This will be an opportunity to learn about life in the Third World and to do something to help. The enclosed information sheet gives details.

If you would like to go along, fill out the registration form and mail it to the Christian Church in Indiana and indicate you are part of Dick Hamm's group. Your deposit is refundable until December 15, but it is first come, first served.....so send your registration in as soon as possible!

While Dick is on sabbatical, Chuck Babcock (of the Regional Office) will answer any questions you may have. Call him at 317-926-6051.

NOTICE

If anyone needs your items picked up for the Garage Sale, call Edna Nordblom, 456-9255, or the church office, 744-3239.

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Peace UCC
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MONDAY, MAY 22

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7:00 P.M. Calling Night

TUESDAY, MAY 23

7:00 P.M. New Committees Meet
(Property & Christian
Education will not meet)

WEDNESDAY, MAY 24

7:00 P.M. Christian Education and
Property Committee Meeting

THURSDAY, MAY 25

6:30 P.M. Senior Choirs Party at
the church

BIRTHDAYS MAY 27 - JUNE 3

Gene Klepfer (28)
Pat Mullen (28)
Genie Slick (28)
Carolyn Austin (29)
Bob Williams (30) Global Mission Partner
Diane Howard (31)
D. Wayne Penny (31)
Mike McFarland (11)
Ant Chevalier (11)
Rose Gaskill (3)
Susan Stow (3)

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NEW MEMBERS!

Jim & Shelley Atkins transferred their membership to First Christian Church this Sunday. Jim comes from the Baptist Church, Shelley from Roman Catholic. They live at 2521 Hoagland Avenue 46807; phone - 745-0158. Welcome, friends!

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CONCERNS & JOYS

Jane Vanderwall and Adam Wagoner became husband and wife in a ceremony in the Church Saturday evening. Congratulations!

Ethel Shroyer is a patient at Lutheran Hospital undergoing tests.

Ellyn Kreischer is recuperating at home from surgery on Friday.

Bonnie Parks is home after a brief stay at Parkview Hospital and is doing better.

Irene Wooldridge is a patient at Lutheran Hospital.

Mildred Sarrazin is a patient at Parkview Hospital.

THANK YOU

Many thanks to Kate Cullen (who has resigned) for all of her help in preparing the Tidings for mailing. Many thanks to Jewel Byrket who will continue.

YOU'RE INVITED

You are invited to attend the Ft. Wayne Children's Choir Spring Concert at 7:15 p.m. on Tuesday, May 30, 1989, in Neff Recital Hall IPFW.

Sara Davis is the Acting Director. Music to be performed includes: Dixit Dominus by Galuppi, 3 songs by John Rutter, 2 songs by Benjamin Britten, and selections from Oliver.

Tickets are \$3.00 for adults and \$2.00 for students and seniors. You may purchase tickets at the door.

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C.M.F.

Last week the C.M.F. went to the GM plant. This was arranged by Larry Brey. It was a great time of fellowship and education. All the men who went thank Larry for setting up this great trip. Thanks Larry!

OFFICE VOLUNTEERES NEEDED for the afternoons (12:00 - 3:00 p.m.) for the months of July and August. No typing required. If you can spare one afternoon a week call the church office (744-3239) to volunteer or for more information.

ARE YOU GRADUATING? Let us know if you are a High School or College Graduate. We would like to recognize you in the 10:45 a.m. Worship Service on Sunday, June 4. Call the church office to confirm your participation. We want to recognize your accomplishments!

WORD OF WISDOM

Mark Twain once said, "Age is a matter of the mind. If you don't mind, it doesn't matter." I think this is a great saying. It lifts up the reality of the relativity of all life. We are all, at the bottom line, human beings! Our age, whether younger or older human beings, should not separate us from each other.

Whenever I hear younger humans talking about "old" humans, I stop and ask them "Hey, just remember, you're growing older every day!" We are not separated by age - we are together as a human family! So many people don't realize this though! It's sad. Do you realize that you, younger or older, are part of the whole human family? Whatever your age is reason to celebrate. Let's not forget each other by building walls of "young" and "old". The scriptures constantly remind us that "grey hair" is a sign of achievement. Some of us in "our time" may question that. Well, this is something to ponder - what do you think?

FROM PARSON TO PERSON

Dear Friends,

Helen, Jeff, and I are embarked on a new phase of our ministries at First as Dick begins a well-deserved sabbatical. We have been working hard to make sure that all aspects of the church's life will be cared for in the interim. We ask for your prayers and your indulgence as we take on our new roles.

It is exciting for us to work as a team with the support of Jerry, Diane, and John. We also know that we can count on your support during this time. Elders, Judy Church, Dick Vanderwall, Bill Franklin, Eunice Conrad, Liz Johnson, and John Kelly, chair of the Personnel Committee will be available to assist us and Judy will attend staff meetings each week.

Please don't hesitate to call as we are here ready and wanting to serve you.

Dick, we will miss you, but we are all happy for your opportunity for rest, reflection and renewal and wish you well!

Love,

Linn

COME AND WORSHIP

In Remembrance - Ephesians 1:15-20

On Sunday we will be remembering the saints of the church, with special thanksgiving for those members of our church family who have died within the past two years.



SUMMER SUNDAY SCHOOL

Pre-schoolers are welcome in the Nursery during Sunday School hour.

Kindergarten - 5th grades

May 28-July 30 - People of God learning centers in the Resource Center.

August 6 - August 27 - August Adventures - 9:30 - noon - no extended session - Middle School meets as usual

Adult Classes will meet as usual: Progressive Class, Gospel Seekers

Discipleship Class--"People of the Parentheses"--Who are the Disciples of Christ? Mindy Hamm, leader May 28 - June 25. New Testament Studies continued July 2 - 16. Ralph & Judy Church, leaders.

Berean & Harmony class are on vacation June, July, and August.



Jeff Bates can now be reached at 424-1211. If you ever need one of the staff people feel free to call on them.

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CONGRATULATIONS!

--to Sara Muller, member of South
Side High School's social studies
squad which placed second in the
Class I social studies competition
at the Hoosier Academic Super Bowl.

--to Mike Walsh for winning an

CHURCH CALENDAR

SUNDAY, MAY 28

8:15 A.M. First Worship
9:30 A.M. Summer Sunday School
10:45 A.M. Second Worship

MONDAY, MAY 29

Memorial Day - Office Closed

TUESDAY, MAY 30

7:00 P.M. Softball at Franke Park

FRIDAY, JUNE 2

9:00 A.M. Bargain Bash

SATURDAY, JUNE 3

7:30 A.M. Men's Breakfast

9:00 A.M. Personnel Committee

NOTE: There will be no Prayer Service
on Sunday, May 28.

BIRTHDAYS JUNE 4 - 10

David Rinker (5)
Ralph Church (6)
Terry Walters (6)
Virginia Snouffer (7)
Ron Kiger (8)
Pat Spangle (8)
Virginia Englehart (9)
Jane Harts (9)
Irene Kissinger (9)
Don Oden (9)
Bill Howard (10)
David Johnston (10)

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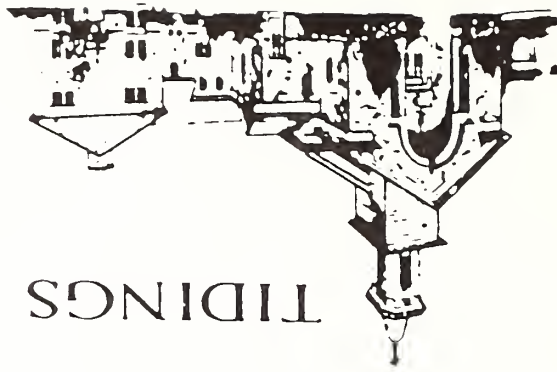
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Treasures from the attic **BARGAIN BASH**

JUNE 2
9:00AM-5:00PM
First Christian Church
4800 S. Calhoun .

**CPR
TRAINING**
SATURDAY
JUNE 17
9:00-4:00 PM
Instructor: Beth Donnell
Cost: \$10 - bring bag lunch

LIMITED TO 15
REGISTER BY JUNE 4

If anyone needs your items picked up for the Bargain Bash, call Edna Nordblom, 456-9255, or the church office, 744-3239.

CONCERNS & JOYS

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Mildred Sarrazin is home now from Parkview Hospital.



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WANT TO ATTEND GENERAL ASSEMBLY ON SATURDAY, JULY 29?

If you are interested in seeing the General Church in full tilt, you might want to take advantage of the opportunity to visit Indianapolis and General Assembly at the end of July. We are taking reservations now for a day of the excitement of the Assembly. We are planning to take a least a van load of people from First Christian. Jeff Bates will meet you in Indy. Beforehand, he will set up with you an agenda for the day down there. There are many interesting facets of the Church and Indianapolis that await you. Catch the Vision of what God is doing in the Church and can do through you! Go to the General Assembly!

VACATION CHURCH SCHOOL

9:00-11:30AM

JUNE 20-22, 1989

A TIME FOR DISCOVERY

REGISTRATION

NAME: _____ AGE: _____ GRADE COMPLETED: _____

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FROM PARSON TO PERSON

Dear Friends,

We promise that there was no connection at all between Dick's leaving on Sabbatical and the sermon topic for the very next Sunday: In Remembrance!

There was a solid beginning of the planning process on Tuesday and Wednesday evenings of this week, with most committees well attended. Some of the ideas which have surfaced are very exciting, and others sound like much fun! It will take a book to write them all out, and that is why we will have our Vision booklet this fall — visions for the coming year! Look for it in your mail in early fall.

Choir Sunday was a beautiful day for me, and I hope it was for all the members of the choirs who gave so much of themselves, and for those who heard in the congregation. So many of you have thanked me and praised the music, and while I appreciate your support very much, please also tell members of the choirs! I pass things along regularly, but its better if it comes straight from you.

Church choirs, you know, give more "performances" on less practice time than any other kind of choral or instrumental group. Sometimes the pressure is intense. So, all of us in the music program of the church are gratified to the congregation for permitting us to serve in this way, and for encouragement along the way.

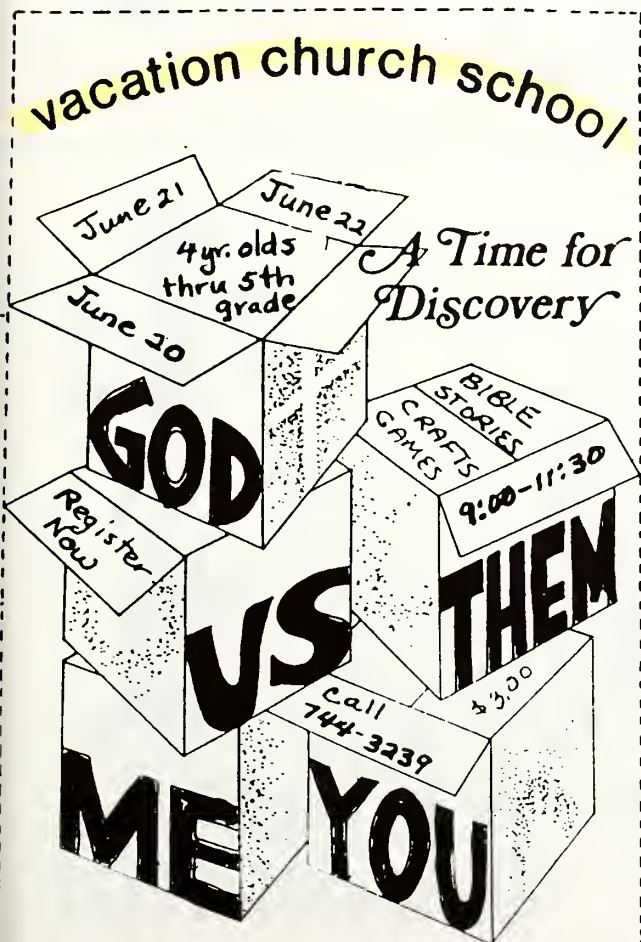
Many, many thanks to every member of each of our five choirs for your gifts this year. It has been wonderful. Have a restful summer.

Love,

Helen

COME AND WORSHIP

Scripture - Luke 7:1-10. We will be recognizing our graduates in worship at the 10:45 a.m. service.



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USHERS

8:15 A.M. E. Snouffer, D. Smith, C. Byrket
10:45 A.M. C. McGrew, J. Clevenger, H. Banet, H. Nordblom

COMMUNION PREPARATION

S. Smith, J. Franklin, E. Yeoman
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Deb Rinker & Sam Hayes

GREETERS

8:15 A.M.
10:45 A.M.

COFFEE HOUR HOSTS

ACOLYTES

D.J. Rinker & Sarah Feeley
LAY WORSHIP LEADERS
8:15 A.M. Diane Mory
10:45 A.M. Bryce Stover

BIRTHDAYS JUNE 11-17

Gody Brown (12)
Bev Hendricks (12)
Laura Tomes (13)
Mike Stow (14)
Mike Watson (14)
Doug Allen (15)
Valetta Parlette (15)
Mary King (16)
Laura McFarland (16)
Jo Weyer (16)
Andy Cook (17)

CHURCH CALENDAR

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9:00 A.M. Personnel Committee

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9:30 A.M. Summer Sunday School
10:45 A.M. Second Worship
6:15 P.M. Prayer Service

MONDAY, JUNE 5

8:30 A.M. Staff Meeting
7:00 P.M. Calling Night

TUESDAY, JUNE 6

5:25 P.M. Softball Game at McMillen #4
5:30 P.M. Braided Streams
7:00 P.M. New Committee Meetings

SATURDAY, JUNE 10

11:00 A.M. Jeff Bates' PRC Meeting
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Your Friend,

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BOARD OF TRUSTEES

will meet on Tuesday, June 13, 1989, 7:30 p.m.

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CONGRATULATIONS

We wish to extend congratulations to all those who are graduating from High School and College this spring. We especially remember our own graduates: Rob Critell, Amy Hayes, Chris Jackson, Sara Muller, Christopher Murray, Jackie Ohneck, and Bryce Stover. We wish each of them Godspeed and courage to create a brighter and more just future for our world.

THANK YOU

Thank you to all who helped to make the Bargain Bash a success, especially to general chair, Edna Nordblom and Evelyn Yeoman who was in charge of the lunch counter. Thanks too, to those who made donations!



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Artistic Director
Lenelle Ross, Violin
David Johnson, Viola
Samuel Smith, Cello

Coming to First Christian June 16 at 7:30 p.m.

FROM PARSON TO PERSON

Dear Friends,

I guess it's my turn to contribute a word in this section of the Tidings. And it's sure my pleasure! I'm really enjoying this summer here with you all and I look forward to getting to know as many more of you as possible before I leave in the middle of August.

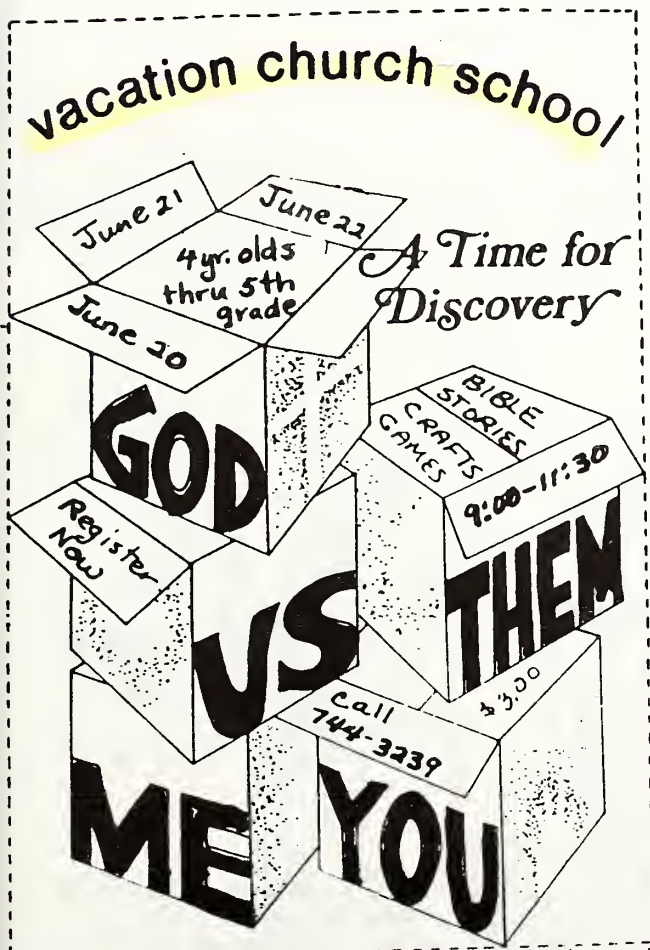
What wonderfully inspiring sounds we heard in worship last Sunday! I love symphonic sound when all the instruments are playing together in harmony! Thank you Sam Smith and Glenn and Leelo Basham for contributing so significantly to our worship experience on Sunday!

This past Saturday I was at Camp Barbee when all the storms hit. We were without electric power for nearly two hours! Anyway, I found out that Barbee Camp (June 18-24) is still in need of 1 woman counselor. This person must be at least 21 years old to be considered. If you're interested, or know someone who might be, please give me a call this week. It is a great opportunity for ministry and personal growth.

Also Eunice Conrad and I are interested in getting a group of "First Christians" together to attend General Assembly on its opening day which will be Saturday, July 29. We will arrange an agenda between us and take a van-load to Indianapolis. This is a wonderful chance to see the bigger church and experience some good fellowship. Please call Eunice (744-9519) or me (424-1211) as soon as possible so we can make plans accordingly.

I look forward to bringing the Good News to you this Sunday. The text is Romans 1:16-17 and the sermon is entitled "The Gospel." I hope to see you then!

Faithfully,



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Delores Keebortz
10:45 A.M. Bert Leverage and
John Ohneck

DIACONATE & GREETERS

8:15 A.M. N. Mennewisch-SW, M.
Snouffer-NW, M. Novachcoff, B.
Hayes
10:45 A.M. J. Franklin-SW, R.
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Tobias-NE, D. Oden, S. Oden, D.
Kreischer, T. Davis

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7:00 P.M. Coalition of Southside
Neighborhoods

7:00 P.M. Calling Night

TUESDAY, JUNE 13

11:30 A.M. Rebecca Circle
6:35 P.M. Softball Game at McMillen#4
7:30 P.M. Board of Trustees

WEDNESDAY, JUNE 14

1:00 P.M. Rachel Circle at Charly's
on West State

FRIDAY, JUNE 16

7:30 P.M. Huntington College Concert
at First Christian

SATURDAY, JUNE 17

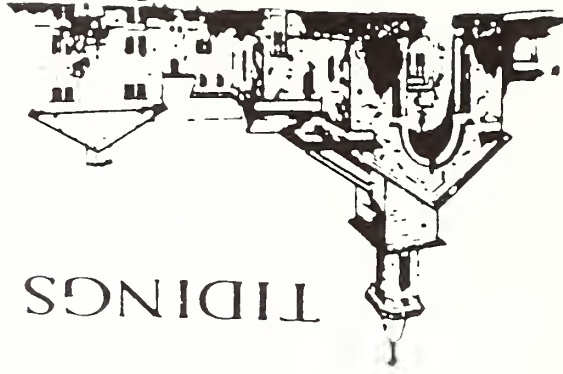
9:00 A.M. CPR Training

BIRTHDAYS JUNE 18-24

Gene Auer (18)
Gary Hall (18)
Fern Kenline (18)
Bernice Montgomery (18)
Gloria Horine (19)
Don Parlette (19)
Diana Bennett (19)
Roxey Wundenlich (20)
Mary Ashton (21)
Orlie McDougale (21)
Henry Flowers (23)
Shari Hensch (23)
Kurt Schnuyver (23)
Jack Weicker (23)
Jack Lindray (24)

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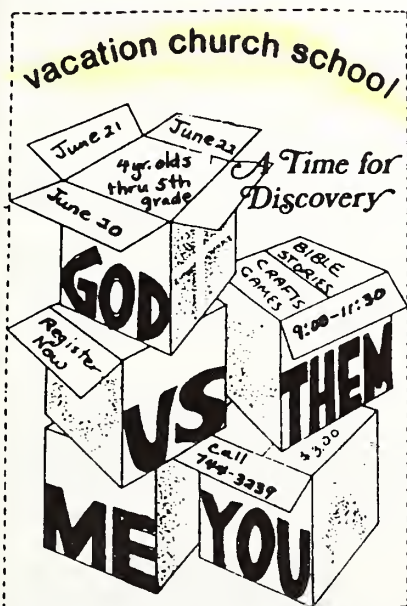


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ADDRESS: _____ ZIP: _____ PHONE #: _____

BIRTHDAY: _____ PARENTS: _____

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ATTENTION ELDERS & DIACONATE

The July-December, 1989 schedule for service at the table and homebound communion will be made this month. If you have any times you will be unavailable, please contact Judy Church (447-5691) or Mindy Hamm (745-4536) by June 18.

CONCERNS & JOYS

Arabella Kreischer's mother passed away last week. Our prayers are with her and her family.

Mindy Hamm's mother, Edna Fishbaugh, will be having surgery this week at Lutheran Hospital.

Paul Snyder, brother of Mark Snyder, passed away this week. Our prayers are with Mark and his family.

Thelma Haxton is a patient at Lutheran Hospital.

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CONGRATULATIONS

Congratulations to Sara Mullen on receiving a scholarship from Magnavox Corporation.

Congratulations to Kyle Kerley on earning his God & Me award!

Congratulations to Paul Champion who now has completed the basic quarter and is now in the advanced Clinical Pastoral Education program.

Congratulations to Jack Weicker for being named Sagamore of the Wabash!

THANK YOU

I appreciate the love and support you give to us all of the time, but especially during my illness. Thank you.

Judy Mey

Thank you for your support, prayers, and encouragement during the planning of the 1989 Regional Retreat for Women. It was a blessing and privilege to serve the Region, and especially as a representative of First Christian Church.

A special thanks to Linn, for doing the workshop; CWF, for the gift; Helen, who was music leader and did a marvelous job; Bob Briggs, for designing the Retreat Logo; Laura York, for creating a beautiful banner; Mindy Hamm, who was my roommate and led the pajama party until I got back in the room; and Judy Church, for sharing Saturday with us.

Kris Ohneck



Pray for these...

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THOSE AT CAMP THIS WEEK & NEXT WEEK:

George Smith at Indian Lake June 16-18;

Steven Mullen at Barbee June 26-July 1;

Laura Hamm at Barbee June 26-July 1.

FROM PARSON TO PERSON

Dear Friends,

There's excitement in the air at church these days! Last Thursday the stonemason began work laying stone around the elevator addition and by the time you receive this, weather permitting, the painting of the exterior will be in progress.

The program planning process is moving along smoothly with some new and creative plans to be finalized by committees the week of June 26. They will be presented to the Board in July.

A bequest from the estate of Hazel Cleaver in the amount of \$1,000.00 has been received and the Bargain Bash generated in excess of \$600.00 for CWF. Bouquets to Edna Nordblom and Evelyn Yeoman for their fine leadership of the event.

We continue to reach out to the neighborhood around us with Vacation Bible School next week and a new rim on the basket in the parking lot.

Be part of the excitement!

See you in worship Sunday.

Love,

Linn

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THURSDAY, JUNE 22
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BIRTHDAYS JUNE 25-July 1
Beth Minyard (25)
Lois Buchanan (27)
Dwain Graham (28)
Mildred Hartman (29)
Mildred Linn (29)
Cheryl Busse (1)
Marilyn Butler (1)
Schellie Englehart (1)

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10:45 A.M. Sue Oden



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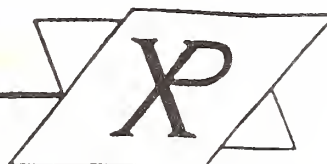
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TRIP TO CEDAR POINT

JUNE 29, 1989

Leaving early and returning late!

We must have your reservation in order to get the best price on admissions. If we get 25 - cost will be \$16.00 for admission and transportation. BRING A FRIEND!

CALL Hattens - 447-2649 or
Church - 744-3239

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FINANCE COMMITTEE will meet on Monday, June 26, 7:30 p.m.

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CONCERNS & JOYS

Virginia Englehart is in Lutheran Hospital.

Irene Wooldridge has moved to the Lawton Nursing Home.

SYMPATHY

Our sympathy is extended to Helen Donnell and her family in the recent death of Helen's aunt.

THANK YOU

The Rachel Group has given the book "One" by Richard Bach to the library in memory of Ethel Allen.



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LOST & FOUND

Lost and Found items are on display in Fellowship Hall. Please check and claim before we send what remains to the Salvation Army. Thank you.

HELP NEEDED for Monday, Thursday, and Friday afternoons (12:00 - 3:00 p.m.) in the church office. Call 744-3239 to volunteer. FOR JULY & AUGUST MONTHS ONLY.

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FROM PARSON TO PERSON

Dear Friends,

Well! It was a wonderful weekend! The Friemann Quartet played on Friday evening in our sanctuary. There was a large crowd present -- one which so enjoyed a world premiere performance of a composition in the presence of its composer who also was celebrating her 70th birthday! The music was gorgeous, and I couldn't help but be delighted that Ft. Wayne's prestigious chamber group chose to come to First Christian, and that the concert was presented on the southside of the city. Many lovely concerts and plays are downtown, some north, but very few if any come south. I have the feeling that several, at least, were in the audience because of its proximity, and thus experienced the pleasure of the evening. The concert was presented In Memoriam, for Glenn Basham's father, a minister in the Christian Church, Disciples of Christ, who died last March. Glenn is the Artistic Director of the group. Our Lenelle Ross and Sam Smith are violinist and 'cellist with David Johnson playing viola.

Then on Sunday, our Rev. Paul Champion was in the pulpit speaking of "Roads to the Top of the Mountain." Paul and Margaret joined First Christian last September. Paul has come a rather long road from Industrial Engineering, to Ordination to training for the Chaplaincy! It was an inspiring service, with Shelley Atkins, an extraordinary soprano soloist. We are grateful to them and to Sara Davis, who was at the organ in Jerry's absence, for giving so much of themselves in order that we might worship more fully. Alleluia!

See you in worship Sunday.

With love,



DO YOU RECOGNIZE THESE LYRICS?

"Sometimes you want to go where everybody knows
your name and everybody's glad you came."

Hearing the melody might help. Seeing the credits roll on TV might help too. After watching "CHEERS" for several years, I finally began listening to the words of the theme song. How appropriate they are for the show. In this popular neighborhood bar in Boston everybody knows your name and everybody is glad you came.

A little over two years ago everyone at First Christian got a nametag. The thought struck me that surely we could do as good a job of knowing everybody's name as the crowd at Cheers. SURELY. But not if we don't wear our nametags. What about those new members who still don't put all the names with the right faces? What about the "old timers" (like me) who do not know all the new folks? And what about all the visitors we have had in recent weeks? It makes you feel more comfortable and "at home" if people appear to be interested in remembering names and not shy about identifying themselves.

If you currently do not have a nametag, either because you have lost it or it is not working properly, please turn that information into the office and a new one will be ordered for you.

Let us do a better job of wearing our nametags so that everybody will want to go "where everybody knows your name and everybody's glad you came."

Judy Church

SERVING JUNE 25
ELDERS

8:15 A.M. Dwain Graham and
Ralph Church
10:45 A.M. Marvin Crouse and
Wes Westerfield

DIACONATE & GREETERS

8:15 A.M. M. Novachcoff-NW, C.
Long-SW, D. Harter, K. Graham
10:45 A.M. K. Feeley-SW, M.
Hamm-NW, D. Mey-SE, J. Mey-NE,
M. Piatt, R. Stover, L. Stover,
C. Hatten

USHERS

8:15 A.M. E. Snouffer, D. Smith,
A. Thomas
10:45 A.M. C. McGrew, J. Clevenger,
E. Nordblom, W. Bowen

HOMEBOUND COMMUNION

D. Kampenga - M. Mullen
E. Klepfer - J. Franklin
L. Johnson - M. Novachcoff
W. Johnson - D. Ross

COMMUNION PREPARATION

Kerleys & Mennewisch

EXTENDED SESSION LEADERS

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COFFEE HOUR HOSTS

Rosemary & Becky Krull

ACOLYTES

Julie Fanger & Christtie Glasgow

LAY WORSHIP LEADERS

8:15 A.M. Paul Champion
10:45 A.M. Bob Orr

The Festival Choir will be presenting its final concert before it goes on tour in East and West Germany at Memorial Baptist Church, 6:00 p.m. on Sunday evening, June 25. This will be a Commissioning Service by Associated Churches of Ft. Wayne and Allen County. Members of the congregation and friends are invited to be a part of this farewell evening!

CHURCH CALENDAR

SUNDAY, JUNE 25

8:15 A.M. First Worship
9:30 A.M. Summer Sunday School
10:45 A.M. Second Worship
6:15 P.M. Prayer Service

MONDAY, JUNE 26

8:30 A.M. Staff Meeting
7:30 P.M. Finance Committee

TUESDAY, JUNE 27

5:25 P.M. Softball at Tillman 3
7:00 P.M. Committee Meetings

(Outreach & Service, Follow-
ship, & Property will not
meet)

WEDNESDAY, JUNE 28

7:00 P.M. Property Committee

THURSDAY, JUNE 29

Chi Rho to Cedar Point

SATURDAY, JULY 1

11:00 A.M. Jeff Bates' PRC Meeting

BIRTHDAYS July 2-8

Steve Kneischen (2) Megan Callahan (2)
Shirley Dibble (3)
Miles Zimmerman (4)
Mai Pauley (5)
Michael Piatt (5)
Paul Waugh (5)
Peggy Wells (6)
John Clevenger (7)
George Ludwig (8)
Lola Miller (8)

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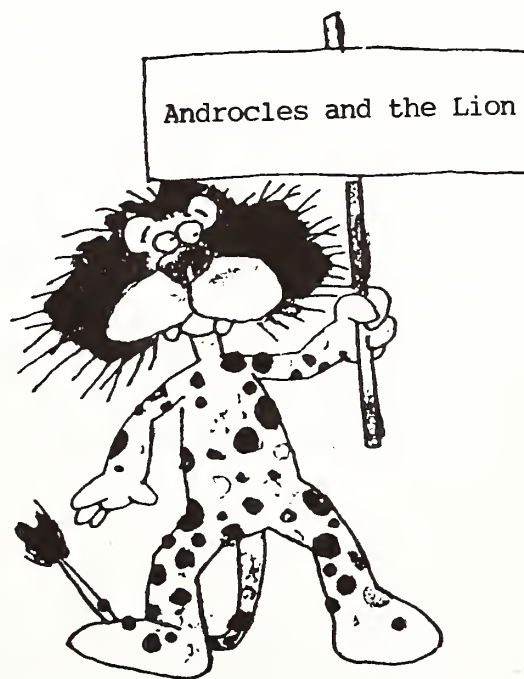
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CYF JULY 8
10AM-2PM
EARN ADMISSION TO
SURF CINCINNATI
JULY 22
LAST HURRAH FOR
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WELCOME TO
FRESHMAN
WE NEED YOU!

Cost of trip \$20
BRYCE OR JEFF WILL CALL YOU



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CONCERNS & JOYS

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Mildred Hartman is shut-in at home with a fractured leg.
(As of Friday, June 23, 1989)

THANK YOU

We want to thank you not only for the use of the church for our quartet concert June 16, but also for the overwhelming support of the congregation. The sanctuary was almost filled partially due to the "advertising" in the Tidings. Thank you for being part of a very successful concert.

The Freimann Quartet

YOU'RE INVITED

The congregation is invited to Eric Knull's graduation party on Saturday, July 8 at 4:00 p.m., 3466 S. Washington Road. Come and help celebrate this joyous occasion!

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WHAT'S AN ANTHEM

When a man from the country returned from a visit to the city, he told his wife, Mary, that he had gone to church and that the choir had sung an anthem. Mary asked, "What's an anthem?" Her husband replied, "Well, it's like this. If I said, 'Mary, the cows are in the corn,' that would be like a hymn. But if I said, 'Oh, Mary! Mary! Mary! The cows are in the corn, the Jersey cow, the Ayrshire cow, the Muley cow, all the cows, all the cows, the cows, the cows, the cows are in the corn, the corn, the corn,' then that would be an anthem!"

Vax Pop, Church of the Ascension,
Windsor, Ontario,
The Anglican Digest

FROM PARSON TO PERSON

Dear Friends,

It's hard to believe it's the end of June already! First Christian Church is a great place to be learning the "ropes" of ministry. I am thankful for all the support and challenge that you all are giving me - whether you realize it or not -- during this year's internship. Linn, Helen, Diane, and John and I are working great as a team!

Last week I was at Camp Barbee with the Level I campers. Michael Stow and I had a great time together talking about God and just doing things such as crafts and singing at camp. If you are going to camp as a young person, make the most out of it and meet as many friends as you can!

I have, just this past Saturday, done my first two weddings! I had one at 11:30 a.m. and then another at 3:00 p.m. I cannot thank you all enough for giving me such an opportunity as you've given.

It is appropriate for us to continue to pray for Dick on his sabbatical and that God would continue to renew and transform and give him a new vision for First Christian Church while he's gone. Also, let us pray for each other that God would continue to be with us all as we are also learning about ourselves while Dick is gone. We are the Family of God!

Faithfully,

Jeff

P.S. My sermon July 9 is on the Scripture passage Exodus 18:1-27. The title is still coming. See you this Sunday!

Living churches have parking problems;
Dying churches don't.
Living churches have lots of noisy activities;
Dying churches are as peaceful as a tomb.
Living churches have the annoying habit of often
outspending their income;
Dying churches take in more money than they
ever dream of spending.
Living churches are always looking toward the
future for ways to serve;
Dying churches are all too happy to worship
their glorious past.
Living churches seem to change so frequently you
can forget a lot of names;
Dying churches are where everyone has known
everybody's name for years.
Living churches support missions even if it hurts a little;
Dying churches keep it all at home.
Living churches dream great dreams for the Lord;
Dying churches are content to relive old nightmares.
Living churches won't find "can't" in their dictionary;
Dying churches won't find much else.
Living churches evangelize!
Dying churches fossilize!

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SERVING JULY 2

ELDERS

8:15 A.M. Janet & Jack Weicker
10:45 A.M. Kris & John Ohneck

DIACONATE & GREETERS

8:15 A.M. S. Smith-SW, M. Snouffer-NW, K. Taylor, N. Mennewisch
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MONDAY, JULY 3

Office Closed

TUESDAY, JULY 4

Office Closed

SATURDAY, JULY 8

10:00 A.M. CYF Share the Care

BIRTHDAYS July 9-15

David Gnigga (9)
David Kneischen (9)
Helen Sheerin (9)
Alice Nulff (10)
Esther Clipp (11)
Nancy Hanten (11)
Bob Johnson (11)
Marge Thomas (11)
Jeff Johnson (12)
Judy Mankley (12)
Cecil Rice (14)
Darvin Tomez (14)

I wish to thank all who helped with Vacation Bible School: Sue Brey, Sherry Lytle, Mindy Hamm, Lauren Ewing, Lenelle Ross, Tracy Critell, and Laura Hamm. It was great to work with you all.

Linn Bartling

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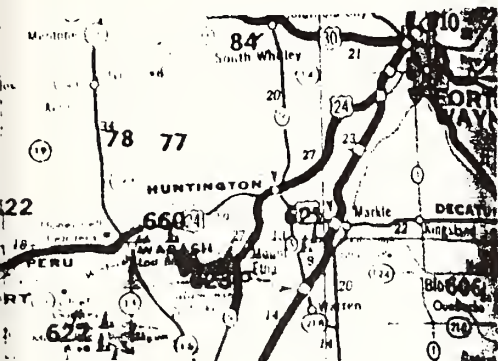
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WELCOME NEW MEMBER

James Butler transferred his membership from Meade Avenue Christian Church, Akron, Ohio on July 2, 1989. Jim's address is P.O. 4781 46898. Welcome Jim!



ALL CHURCH PICNIC

The All Church Picnic will be this Saturday, July 15, at the Salamonie Reservoir. Picnic starts at noon. Drinks will be provided. Bring a dish to share. Go west on Rt. 24 through Huntington to Salamonie Reservoir at Lost Bridge. Look for signs.

THE ALL CHURCH CAMP OUT HAS BEEN CANCELLED!

BREAKFAST PLUS

9:30 A.M.

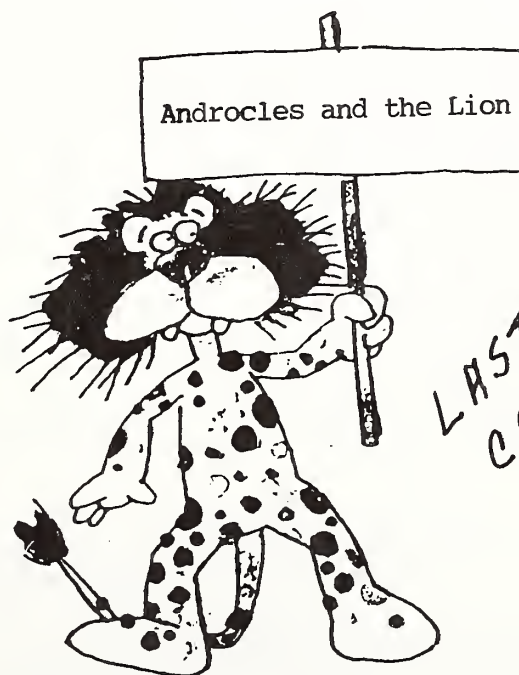
Aug. 6 Jeff Bates

Aug. 13 Helen Donnell

Aug. 20 Lauren Ewing

Mindy Hamm

Aug. 27 Dick Hamm



JOIN US FOR A CONTINENTAL BREAKFAST AND PROGRAM

FIRST - FIFTH GRADERS MAY ATTEND AUGUST ADVENTURE

NURSERY CARE FOR PRE - SCHOOLERS IS PROVIDED
FROM 8:00 A.M. TO NOON.



Jeff will reflect on his year as a Seminary Intern. Helen will share her experience delivering hand bells to Kaput, East Germany. Lauren Ewing and Mindy Hamm will share the excitement of General Assembly and Dick will give us a look at his sabbatical experience.

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CONCERNS & JOYS

Ruby Kolkman is in Lutheran Hospital.

Dick Mey is home from Parkview Hospital.

Loni Bagley gave birth to David Andrew on July 6, 1989. He weighed 7 lbs., 4 oz. Congratulations!

CONGRATULATIONS!

To Dwayne Gilson and Jamie Cupp who were married June 25 at Lakeside Park, Linn Bantling officiating.

To Sherry Petrick and Bruce Scheuren, and Rick Weigman and Sandy Pequignot on June 24 at First Christian, Jeff Bates officiating.

To Janet Morris-McGinley and Edward McGinley who were married by Jeff Bates at the Font on July 3.

THANK YOU

Many thanks to all in the congregation who sent cards of sympathy and concern in the recent death of my father.

Nedra Feeley

THANKS to Jo Franklin, Bette Haines, and Barb Hayes for assisting in the office while Diane was on vacation!



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PLEASE NOTE:

Installation of officers and wrap-up picnic for CWF has been cancelled on Saturday, July 22.

TRIP TO GENERAL ASSEMBLY - Saturday morning, July 29, we plan to take a van load to General Assembly in Indianapolis for the day. Jeff Bates will be our guide while there at the Convention Center. Call the church to indicate your interest.

FESTIVAL CHOIR ITINERARY

July 9 - Potsdam - Morning Worship - Caputh bei Potsdam - Presentation of Bell's

July 10 - Rostock; July 11 - Rebnitz Damgarten; July 12 - Berlin (East); July 13-14 - Dresden; July 15-16 - Wittenberg-Leipzig; July 17 - Nuremberg - West Germany; July 18 - Crailsheim; July 19 - Heidelberg; July 20 - Koblenz; July 21 - Mainz; July 22 - Home via Detroit.

FINANCIAL STATEMENTS for the second quarter may be picked up in Fellowship Hall starting this Sunday.

FROM PARSON TO PERSON

Dear Friends,

There are three exciting opportunities coming up in the near future.

The first is that we are currently beginning the new "Pictorial Directory." United is the name of the company with whom we are corresponding and it looks as though the process is well underway. Russell Parks is the chair of the committee responsible for making this directory one that is most attractive. You will have the opportunity on August 26, 27, or 28 to come in to church and have your and/or your families portrait taken. There will be three consecutive weekends to sign up during August which will lead up to the three days of picture taking. The photographer is not exclusively here for First Christian Church, but will "snap a shot" of your neighbor or neighbors family. This will be a "community" builder as well. Let's all participate! Pictures will be ready for you to send to family and friends for Christmas!

Also, I would like to mention again that we are looking for people from First Christian Church to attend General Assembly in Indianapolis on July 29. It will be a day long trip. We need at least 12 to fill up a van. See the larger vision of the Disciples of Christ. To quote a friend, "Opportunity is Knocking!" Don't miss it!

Vern Graham of Associated Churches will be here this Sunday to bring us the Good News. The title of his sermon is "One in the Spirit of God" based on John 17:20-23.

Remember those close to you in prayer and that you might be a vessel of God's love and transformation!

Faithfully,

Jeff Bates (See you Sunday!)

Each year at the General Assembly, Disciples meet and discuss and vote on issues that pertain to one common life. On Wednesday, July 26, at 6:00 p.m., Jeff Bates will conduct a discussion group focusing on the coming Assembly and its resolutions. You don't have to go to the Assembly to come and discuss and hear what will be "on the floor" at the Assembly. Call the church office to RSVP.

PICTORIAL DIRECTORY

Make sure you read over the insert that came in this issue of Tidings. We are starting to organize the next "Pictorial Directory" for FCC. There will be sign up sheets available on consecutive Sundays during August. You can select your slot then. These will be done in time for you to send friends and relatives the latest picture of you or your family for Christmas.

ATTENTION C.Y.F.

Because of the lack of interest and intent perceived so far, the CYF trip to Surf Cincinnati has been cancelled. We will, however, on July 22, take a group from FCC to "Diamond Jim's." Look for further details in Tidings next week. This trip is open for all Graduated Seniors and Incoming Freshman.

CWF

The long awaited day has arrived! Last October, \$1,533.84 was raised in the fall bazaar. That money has been in a holding pattern until the people involved in the event could come to some clarity about where to spend it. We are now at that point.

Suggestions were solicited and received from the congregation. After considerable discussion it was decided to spend the money on improvements in one or more of the following areas: 1. Kitchen refrigerator or lesser equipment, dishwasher; 2. Fellowship Hall - window coverings or other furnishing; 3. Library tapes, books, and other specified materials; 4. Paint outer office a lighter color; 5. Baptistry curtain.

We will now seek estimates on these items and then meet to divide the funds in as wide an area as possible.

We want to take this opportunity to thank all those people who worked on the bazaar, who participated in it, and who offered ideas for its use. And we thank you for your patience also.

Gini Brown, Deb Miller, Kris Ohneck, Dorothy Overmyer, Linda Stover, & Evelyn Yeoman

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6:00 P.M. Bread for the World

SATURDAY, JULY 22

CYF to Diamond Jim's

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Mary Wilhelm (23)
Fonnest Smith (24)
Alisha Stoven (24)
Sue Brey (27)
Kevin Bozanth (28)
Bette Haines (28)
Sam Smith (28)
Lucile Welch (29)

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ATTENTION SINGERS!

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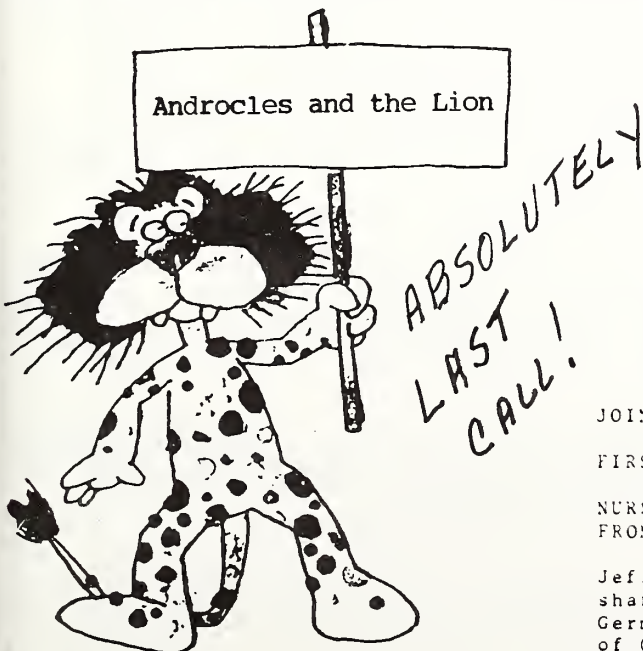
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WAGON WHEEL THEATRE will be presenting "Androcles and the Lion" on Sunday, July 23, and we are taking a motor coach at 1:30 p.m. to see the show.

Tickets are 16.00 (including coach) and are on a first come first served basis. Call 744-3239 to RSVP today. We will return about 6:30 p.m.



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Fran Miller is in Charter Beacon Hospital.

Susan Geroff is in Lutheran Hospital.

Ruby Kolkman is home from Lutheran Hospital.

THANK YOU

A special thanks to all those who participated in the church picnic at Salamonie Reservoir. Thanks especially to Wayne & Liz Johnson for bringing their boat for tubing!
The Fellowship Committee



Pray for these...



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As a pastoral counselor, I am well aware of the reasons people do not ask for professional help when they are in need:

- 1) I don't have time
- 2) It will get better soon
- 3) It costs too much money
- 4) I can handle my problems myself
- 5) I'm not the problem, he/she is
- 6) I'm scared
- 7) Nobody would like me if they really know me
- 8) It's better left on a shelf
- 9) It hurts too much
- 10) etc.
- 11) etc.

Not everyone needs professional pastoral counseling, thank God. But sometimes we come up against recent events, or the memory of past events that are just too much to face alone.

As a minister, I have been called to a ministry of healing that seeks to incarnate God's love. First Christian Church has affirmed through its support of this counseling ministry that there is both joy and pain in the process of living, and that we as Christians must be present with one another to celebrate the joy and help heal the pain.

If you hurt and have no where and no one to turn to, you are invited to call the church office to arrange a consultation. That will be your opportunity to meet me and decide if I am someone with whom you can share your concerns.

Don't run from God's love. Don't deprive yourself of becoming the whole person God created you to be.

For more information, or to talk to me, call the church office at 744-3239.

Margaret McCray-Worrall
Minister of Counseling

TRIP TO GENERAL ASSEMBLY - Saturday morning, July 29, we plan to take a van load to General Assembly in Indianapolis for the day. Jeff Bates will be our guide while there at the Convention Center. Call the church to indicate your interest.

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FROM PARSON TO PERSON

Dear Friends,

"Summertime and the livin' is easy" goes the old song. When the temperature stays in the 90's for days at a time it is good to relax and take time from hectic schedules to reflect and engage in re-creation. Unfortunately air conditioning gives us a false sense of reality and we often continue to set the same pace as in cooler times of the year. Somehow we lose something of the rhythm of the summer season and can enter the fall season less than refreshed.

The Committees at First Christian have worked hard making plans for a new program year and the Board affirmed and approved those plans last week. I'm excited by the prospects and know you will be too. After the summer heat we can look forward to an energetic season.

So, for now, enjoy the hazy, lazy days of summer by joining us for the refreshment of worship each Sunday, here or wherever you may be traveling. And, by the way, bring a friend to share it with.

Love,

Linn

PICTORIAL DIRECTORY

We are organizing the next "Pictorial Directory" for FCC. There will be sign up sheets available on Sundays, August 6, 13, & 20. You can select your slot then. These will be done in time for you to send friends and relatives the latest picture of you or your family for Christmas.

Pictures will be taken on August 26, 27, and 28. Mark these dates on your calendar now!

1989 BARBEE MEN'S RETREAT

The Men's Retreat will be September 22-24 at Barbee. The study material for this year's retreat "Mission: Living the Word," has been written by C. William Nichols, Pastor of Central Christian Church, Decatur, Illinois. It is focused on the Book of Philemon.

Retreat offers us the opportunity to step back from our lives a few paces, to take a little rest from the usual routines of work, and to take stock of where we are in life as well as who we are. So as you focus on "Mission: Living the Word," take time to rest, to think, to visit with others, to have communion with God, to have fun, and to study. Call Charles Hatten for more information, or for a registration form.

PRAYER SERVICE

The Prayer Services on Sunday evenings at 6:15 have been cancelled for the summer.

SERVING JULY 23

ELDERS

8:15 A.M. Delores Keebortz and Sam Hayes
 10:45 A.M. Curt Miller and Eunice Conrad

DIACONATE & GREETERS

8:15 A.M. K. Taylor-SW, N. Mennewis & NW, S. Smith, M. Snouffer

10:45 A.M. K. Spencer-SW, L. Stover-NW, J. Lindsay-SE, B. Lindsay-NE, M. Knudsen, D. Knudsen, M. Mullen, J. Byers

USHERS

8:15 A.M. E. Snouffer, D. Smith, M. Hutchinson
 10:45 A.M. C. McGrew, B. Haines, D. Kreischer, B. Glasgow

HOMEBOUND COMMUNION

E. Klepfer - C. Falbe
 J. Ohneck - L. Brey
 S. Hayes - K. Feeley
 D. Keebortz - C. Hatten

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 Donna McEvoy & Sherry Lytle

ACOLYTES

Michael Stow & Adam Falbe
 LAY WORSHIP LEADERS
 8:15 A.M. Mildred Hutchinson
 10:45 A.M. Bryce Stover

CHURCH CALENDAR

SATURDAY, JULY 22

3:30 P.M. CYF to Diamond Jim's

SUNDAY, JULY 23

8:15 A.M. First Worship

9:30 A.M. Summer Sunday School

10:45 A.M. Second Worship

1:30 P.M. D.M.A. to Wagon Wheel

MONDAY, JULY 24

6:00 P.M. Area I Board Meeting

at West Creighton

TUESDAY, JULY 25

7:00 P.M. Outreach & Service

Committee Meeting

7:00 P.M. Softball Game at Franke Park

FRIDAY, JULY 28 - WEDNESDAY, AUGUST 2

General Assembly

BIRTHDAYS July 30-August 5

Mary Lou Hantzlen (1)

Wanda Howell (1)

Loni Lewis (1)

Glenn Miller (1)

Dick Mony (1)

Margaret Snouffer (1)

Max Knudsen (3)

Kathryn Eich (4)

Gloria Phillips (4)

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WELCOME NEW MEMBER

Linda Cobb transferred her membership last Sunday from Grace Lutheran Church, Auburn, Indiana. Linda lives in the Fort Wayne area with her two sons, Shawn & Jason. Welcome Linda to our fellowship!

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FLOWERS NEEDED

Flowers are needed for Sunday, August 20. Call the church office to sign up, or sign up in church this Sunday. Thank you.

The ongoing Sunday School class meeting at 9:30 a.m. in the East Parlor which is studying "The 12 Steps for Christians" will not meet July 30 and August 6 due to vacations. Class will resume August 13. Please join us for support, fun, and fellowship as we take a look at the 12 steps of alcoholics anonymous, al-anon, adult children OA, and adult children of disfunctional families from a Christian perspective. All are welcome! Contact person: Liz Johnson, 485-7735.

BOARD OF TRUSTEES will not meet on August 8. Next board meeting will be September 12, 1989, 7:30 p.m.

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CONCERNS & JOYS

Congratulations to Jackie Ohneck in the recent birth of her son, Derek Thomas, 8 pounds, born July 21, 1989. Kris & John Ohneck are the proud grandparents!



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THE NAOMI GROUP will meet Thursday, August 3, 1989 at Kathlyn Banet's, 6420 Papago Court.

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GENERAL ASSEMBLY

All of you who have given indication of intent to go on the General Assembly trip this Saturday, should be at the church by 6:15 a.m. We will have one car and one van. Please bring enough money to share in the expense of gasoline and your own meals throughout the day (\$15-\$20). This will be a day of excitement and learning as we share together in the wider vision of the church.

See you in Indy!

PICTORIAL DIRECTORY

Russ Parks is excited to know of the interest that is currently growing in the new Pictorial Directory. Three consecutive Sundays are set in August for you to sign-up for a time to have you and your families pictures taken. Please take time to come down to Fellowship Hall and sign up for one of the Sundays - either August 6, 13, or 20. Please invite your friends to come in to have their pictures taken also - this is a "community service" along with a new Pictorial Directory project. This will be a community builder, a way to get to know new faces and names. It won't happen without you - come and be a participant! The pictures will be taken August 26, 27, & 28.

FROM PARSON TO PERSON

Dear Friends,

This summer and year's internship is quickly drawing to a close for me. There are so many things that I feel the need to do before I go - so many of you to whom I need to say "good-bye." The chance that you have given me here to learn and do ministry will go down as the greatest year ever in my life. I have made so many new friends that I am sure will be friends in the years ahead.

Many of you have loaned furniture to me to use at my apartment. Well, the time has come to make arrangements for returning it. Since my last day in Fort Wayne is August 15, I plan to move out the day before. You'll be hearing from me so we can make arrangements.

To let you see what's coming for me in the next year, I thought I would make a list to show you:

1. Start final year of Seminary (September 6).
2. Begin Final Thesis for Seminary - this is a systematic work and pretty demanding!
3. Get married to Cindy Merris on November 24 - then to Disney World for 3 days.
4. Pulpit Supply in Indianapolis while working part time job and going to school.
5. Graduate from Seminary in May, 1990.
6. Ordained in May - I am responsible for planning this service too!
7. Begin circulating (around October) my resume to churches - probably stay in Indiana for awhile.

8. Next summer, Cindy and I plan to go to the Grand Tetons in Wyoming to work in the National Park Ministry after my Ordination - we're really looking forward to it!

Since this was my final chance to communicate formally in this section of Tidings with you, I thought you might want to know what my plans were after leaving you here. I look forward to seeing you at Breakfast Plus on August 6, and to discuss my time here as Seminary Intern. I hope you can make it.

With all of this I find it interesting to contemplate Paul's words to the Philippians, "Do not be anxious about anything, but in everything by prayer and supplication with thanksgiving let your requests be made known to God." (4:6).

Faithfully,



P.S. I'll be at General Assembly this Sunday - so see you next Sunday!

FROM MODERATOR TO PERSON

Summer is here and going by fast! Many of us including myself, take vacations, spend weekends at the lake, or travel out of town to see family. Summer is a unique and fun season.

When we choose not to be in worship, let us remember that the work and the expenses of the church go on. Summer is traditionally a time when the cash flow coming into the church drops off somewhat. This summer we are feeling the crunch again. We don't always think of First as a business with weekly expenditures which have to be paid; but this is a fact of life. Our ministry goes on even when we are away. In view of this I would like to encourage everyone to keep current on their pledges and offerings even when summer activities take them elsewhere. Our timely gifts make a big difference!

The Capital Funds drive has now been successfully completed with numerous visible improvements which we are now enjoying and can feel proud of including our elevator, our organ, and our roof to mention a few. Some of us have been pledging towards this fund on a weekly or monthly basis. If you have been giving this way, please consider continuing to give this same amount for the rest of this year (through December) to our regular operational fund. These gifts of faith will be a real asset to helping implement our exciting program plans for the remainder of '89. Here again, we each can make a difference.

Your Friend in Christ,



Liz Johnson, Board Moderator

SERVING JULY 30

ELDERS

8:15 A.M. Judy Church and
Ralph Church
10:45 A.M. Donald Kampenga and
Mark Snyder

DIACONATE & GREETERS

8:15 A.M. K. Feeley-SW, D. Harter-
NW, J. Young, K. Graham
10:45 A.M. J. Bushey-SW, M. Quick-
NW, D. Kreischer-SE, C. Falbe-NE,
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CHURCH CALENDAR

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General Assembly in Indianapolis

SUNDAY, JULY 30

8:15 A.M. First Worship
9:30 A.M. Summer Sunday School
10:45 A.M. Second Worship

MONDAY, JULY 31

8:30 A.M. Staff Meeting

TUESDAY, AUGUST 1

7:00 P.M. Stewardship Committee at
Dwain & Kathy Graham's,
6815 Kingswood Blvd.

THURSDAY, AUGUST 3

9:30 A.M. Naomi Group at Kathlyn Banet's

SATURDAY, AUGUST 5

7:30 A.M. Men's Breakfast

BIRTHDAYS August 6-12

David Orr (6)
Elizabeth Moody (8)
Ronald Elliott (8)
Linda Wiley (9)
Charline Craig (10)
Beverly Johnston (10)
John Threack (11)
Marilyn Snouffer (11)

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Hey! We had a pretty good sign-up Sunday for the up and coming Pictorial Directory, being done for us this time by United Church Directories. We had over 30 of us sign up. Were you one of them? If you weren't, please sign up this Sunday for this community building event! It is a way for us to get to know who those we don't know are. Sign-up sheets are located downstairs in fellowship hall on the north wall. Your pictures will be done in time so that you can send them as Christmas gifts to your family and friends. Don't delay - sign up Sunday!

PLEASE NOTE

If you have excess produce in your garden, please bring it to share. A table will be set up in fellowship hall. Those who would appreciate fresh garden produce, please feel free to take what you need. A basket for donations will be available and proceeds will go to the Food Bank.

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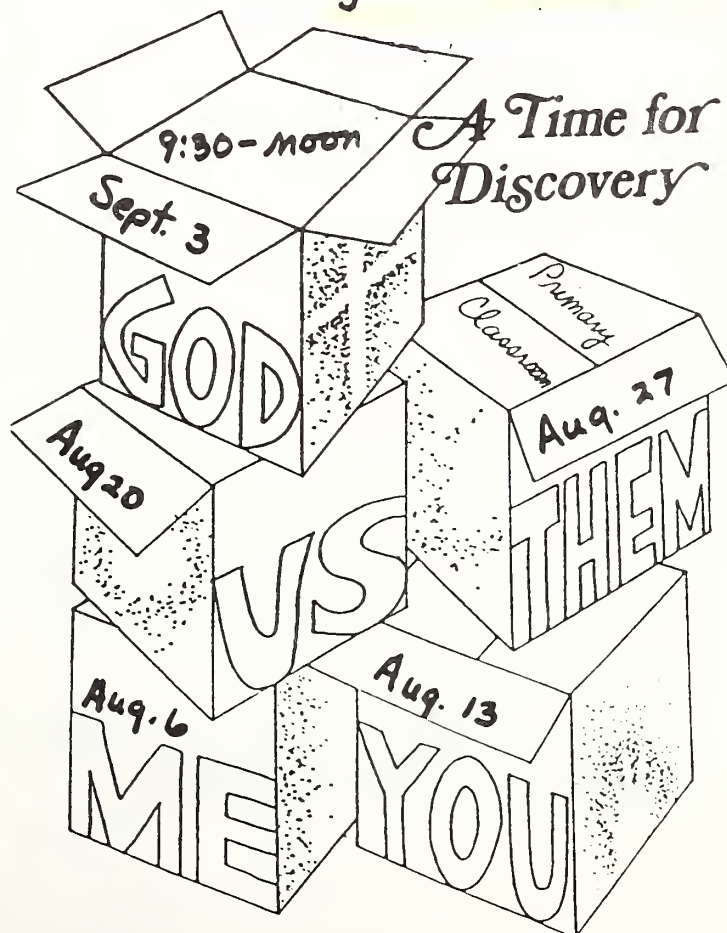
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August Adventures Kindergarten and Older



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Bernice Montgomery's brother died last week in the Byron Health Center, not her sister, as was reported in last week's Tidings. Our sympathy is with Bernice.

Leon Shelburne died last week. Our sympathy is with the family.

Keith Doehman & Beth Minyard were wed last Saturday evening at First Christian. Jeff Bates and Linn Bantling officiated. Congratulations Keith & Beth!

THANK YOU

Thank you for all of your words of love and material gifts. You have been more than friends to me.

Jeff Bates



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NEXT WEEK:

Tuesday, August 15 - Christian Education Committee will meet at 7:00 P.M.

Wednesday, August 16 - Property Committee will meet at 7:00 P.M.

TUESDAY, AUGUST 22 - The following committees will meet at 7:00 P.M.:

Evangelism, Worship, Fellowship, Outreach & Service, and Stewardship.

PLEASE NOTE:

A new membership directory is being printed this month. If your address or telephone number has changed, and the church office does not know about it, please call them and tell them of the change. Thank you.

FROM ONE PARSON TO PERSON!

Dear Friends,

On Sunday evening August 13 (this coming Sunday evening) at Franke Park in the Foellinger Theater at 6:30, there will take place the closing celebration of the fifth annual Festival of Peace and Understanding. The theme of the Festival has changed every year, and so this year the emphasis on one of the aspects of Shalom, and of peacemaking is Embracing the Earth, Stewardship for Peace. We are becoming more and more aware of how we are gradually destroying the earth and its resources with acid rain and pesticides, and the constant use of mountains of uncyclables -- styrofoam cups, disposable diapers, plastic plates, etc. -- and our unhealthy disposition of empty paint cans, etc. If we do not come to understand these concerns and take giant steps to correct our bad habits, even though they may be very convenient, our home planet will be seriously impaired in time. There has been a suggestion made that we each bring our own distinctive coffee mug, and keep them on mug trees in Fellowship Hall for use at fellowship times, rather than go through so many styrofoam cups! We talked about this at the Staff Retreat several months ago.

And so the theme for this week is very timely, with many practical ideas and suggestions.

The readings for the program will come from the book The Home Planet, which is a collection of the impressions and feelings of astronauts from many nations as they observed the earth from the darkness of space. The continuing thread which links all they had to say is that the earth became more precious to them, fragilely protected by a slender blue film, that we need to treasure, not destroy it, and that we are all one as we live together on it. As one from the USSR put it: "We went into space as technicians. We returned humanitarians."

That is the essence of how embracing the earth can be a stewardship for peace.

All of the music has been chosen with that idea in mind! The all-city choir will sing, as will the children's choir from the Monroeville United Methodist Church.

You know perfectly well that this theme could not be adequately met without "Somewhere Over the Rainbow" and "For the Beauty of the Earth" -- among others!

We invite you to come and enjoy.

Love,

Lelen

FROM ANOTHER PARSON TO PERSON

Dear Friends,

I want to say how much I appreciated being able to share with you Sunday concerning my journey here as Seminary Intern. You are all just so dear to me and I appreciate the warmth and receptivity which I have been given over this past year. I really believe the future is just beginning to unfold for you here. God has done great things for us through the Sabbatical and will continue to show us great things once the Sabbatical expires.

I must apologize for one thing though. I did say that I planned to give you time for questions and answers. I am sorry that I didn't honor my word. I'm just too dang long winded! I had so much I needed to say so that I could feel that the "good-bye" process had begun. It's hard to say good-bye to all of you. Good-byes are hard, aren't they James?

I also wanted to share with you some of the thoughts that I've created since coming here. Since I didn't do that either, I'll share two of my favorites with you now.

The tears that I cry are like the fresh,
spring rain showers that water
the soil of my soul. Things grow there.

If we live as if there is no death,
we'll die as if we've never lived.

Live On!

[Signature]

SERVING AUGUST 13

ELDERS

8:15 A.M. Jack Weicker and
Eunice Conrad
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Gene Klepfer

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8:15 A.M. S. Smith-SW, M. Snouffer-
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Charles & Suzanne Murray

NO EXTENDED SESSION

LAY WORSHIP LEADERS

8:15 A.M. Diane Mory
10:45 A.M. Nedra Feeley

THE SECRET PLACE is available for
the next quarter. Pick yours up
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CHURCH CALENDAR

SATURDAY, AUGUST 12

11:00 A.M. Jeff Bates' PRC Meeting

SUNDAY, AUGUST 13

8:15 A.M. First Worship
9:30 A.M. August Adventures
9:30 A.M. Breakfast Plus
10:45 A.M. Second Worship
6:30 P.M. Festival of Peace & Under-
standing at Franke Park

MONDAY, AUGUST 14

8:30 A.M. Staff Meeting
7:00 P.M. Coalition of Southside
Neighborhoods

TUESDAY, AUGUST 15

7:00 P.M. Christian Education Committee
Meeting

WEDNESDAY, AUGUST 16

7:00 P.M. Property Committee Meeting

BIRTHDAYS August 13-26

Hanniet Weaver (14)
Rebecca Bowman (15)
Bruce Grimm (16)
Lois Finkhouser (18)
Kirk Spencer (19)
Charles Linn (19)
Nancy Kolkman (20)
Joshua Lytle (20)
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PICTORIAL DIRECTORY

Last chance to sign up for the new pictorial directory will be this Sunday, August 20 in fellowship hall. Make sure you are a part of this new directory! We'd like all members of the church to participate.

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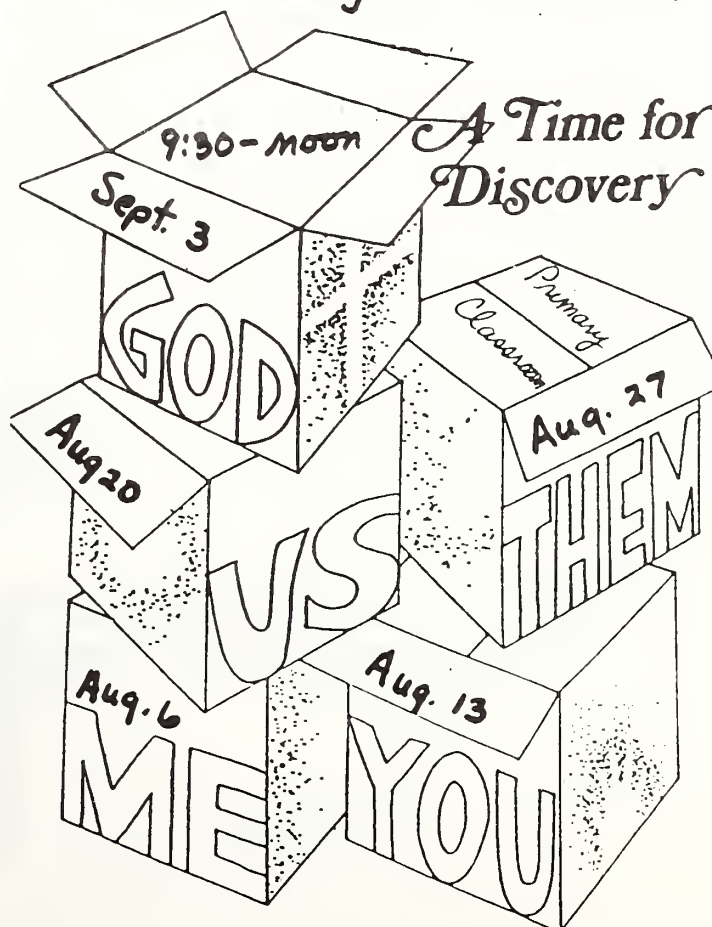
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Love,

Jeff



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Meeting time will begin at 7:00 p.m. Child care will be provided.

FROM PARSON TO PERSON!

Dear Friends,

The gardens are producing an abundance of vegetables, families are getting children ready for school and the summer is fast drawing to a close.

Progressive class got our share the Produce table off to a good start August 6 with \$22.00 collected to date for the food bank, the Breakfast Plus series will feature news from the General Assembly this Sunday, and plans are being made for fall programs.

Mark your calendars for the kick off of Sunday School September 10th. We'll have breakfast together at 9:15, the children will be dismissed to Sunday School and there will be a FORUM for teens and adults. The Outreach & Service Committee has arranged for Dr. Keith McMahan, a retired veterinarian and member of Plymouth Congregational UCC to be our guest. He will talk about being a volunteer in mission and his experiences in the Philippines and Central America. Don't miss it!

By the time you read this Jeff will have returned to Indianapolis. We will miss him, but know he is anxious to complete his seminary education. Our best wishes, love, and support go to both Jeff and Cindy as they prepare for marriage.

The staff continues to appreciate your encouragement and support. Thank you for being a caring community.

Love,

Linn

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CAMP DIRECTORS

Ross and Marie Walters
317/357-8771

Labor Day Weekend
September 1,2,3,4
BARBEE CHRISTIAN CAMP

KEYNOTERS

Will and Marcia Jewsbury

Tents
Cabins
RV's

Hay Rides
Talent Shows
Square Dancing

YOUTH LEADERS

Junior and Senior High
Tim Murphy

CHILD CARE

New-born to Pre-School
Donna Hooser

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Terri Fangmeier



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Mary Cook (28)
Lindsay Miller (28)
Nancy Smith (28)
Rocky Baugher (29)
Clarence Hendrickson (29)
Barb Hayes (31)
Gene Shinley (31)
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From Parson to Parson:

Dear Dick,

Hey! We made it! We survived!

We received several neat new members there were two babies born there were several lovely wedding the hospitals were busy making our folks well in June and July but August hasn't been too bad for our folks' health there has been one funeral and lots of visits to shut-ins and nursing homes and lots of calls made to keep up with everybody they have been all over the world you know soft touches have doled out many gallons of gas and the food bank has been busy the Vision booklet is ready for inspection with all the plans and a year long calendar in place from all the committee meetings the directory is at the printers and people are signing up right and left for the new pictorial directory the painting on the outside of the building is now completed bulletin boards are up all over Fellowship Hall--wonderful huge bulletin boards the camera got fixed we have prices for the new-old copying machine your office has been cleaned weekly just like you were messing it up all the time kids had a wonder time in VBS and drew pictures all over the sidewalk and put people figures all over the sanctuary Jeff and a team from the Festival Choir and Lauren attracted great groups who heard about their summer adventures at absolutely delicious breakfasts Guess What You are speaking this week about sabbaticals Jeff and Linn and of course myself and Bob and Paul and Vern preached brilliant sermons Phil Sara and Linda filled in for Jerry who had the audacity to go to HAWAII and did a fantastic job and all the special music has been really good Judy Church has forced the staff to behave and not spend all their working hours playing and having two mart--oops--long lunches Jeff has gone back to Indy and Linn is on vacation and Diane has summer afternoons off and we have had super volunteers from the congregation to help us at present I am all by myself with John to keep me company except that he works all the time there isn't any trash in the yard and I think he is repairing something somewhere the Elders have been gracious and supportive and helped us through a couple crisis and Mildred broke a leg and then an ARM Grady and the guys have outdone themselves on the ball field or done themselves in however you want to look at it it's going to be hard for you to lead this congregation anymore because everybody has gotten all independent and confident so I hope you have all kinds of energy and patience because we have quite a year planned education is gearing up at the starting line and hundreds of singers and ringers are about to descend upon us of all ages there are also several remarkable community events on the fall schedule the CWF is anticipating with pleasure life with Mildred even if she did break a leg and an ARM.

That's about all I can think of for right now. If you have next Wednesday, Thursday, and Friday I will give you a preliminary report so that you will feel at least half way informed about what we've been up to before Sunday.

It really is good to have you back. WE MISSED YOU!

Love,

Linn

P.S. The bills are all paid.

JOYS & CONCERNS

Bonnie, Russell and Emily Parks are so pleased to welcome Christian Lee, 8 lbs., 15 oz., to their family. Mother and son are doing well at Parkview. He was born Sunday, August 20! Congratulations!

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Sincerest thanks for the outpouring of loving care and concern from the congregation and staff -- for the nurture and support extended to us during our "broken bones" episode.

The Mildreds

Many thanks to all the softball players this summer. Our team ended up with an 8 and 6 record. Congratulations!

Grady Vanderwall



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CHOIR NEWS

It is time to begin humming around the house and singing in the shower to warm up for first Chancel Choir practice August 31 at 7:00 p.m.

The choir season ended so beautifully in May and we invite anyone who loves to sing, or who simply wants to try to learn to sing, to join the choir for a beautiful beginning! All are welcome!



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LAST FLING!

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Our sister church tells us: Come and Enjoy the fun with us!



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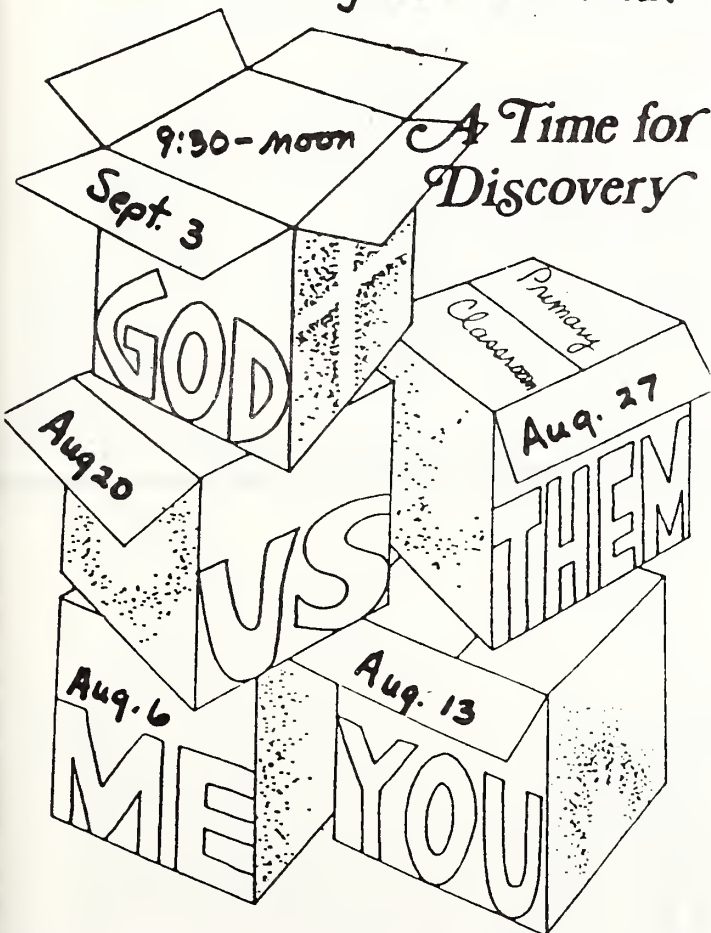
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AREA ASSEMBLY

Sunday, September 10, 1989

W. Creighton Christian



WOODHAVEN HANDBELL CHOIR In Concert

5pm Registration 5:30 Salad Supper Suggested donation \$2.50/person
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September 16

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Pauline Snyder (3)
Diane Mory (4)
Mark Rayl (4)
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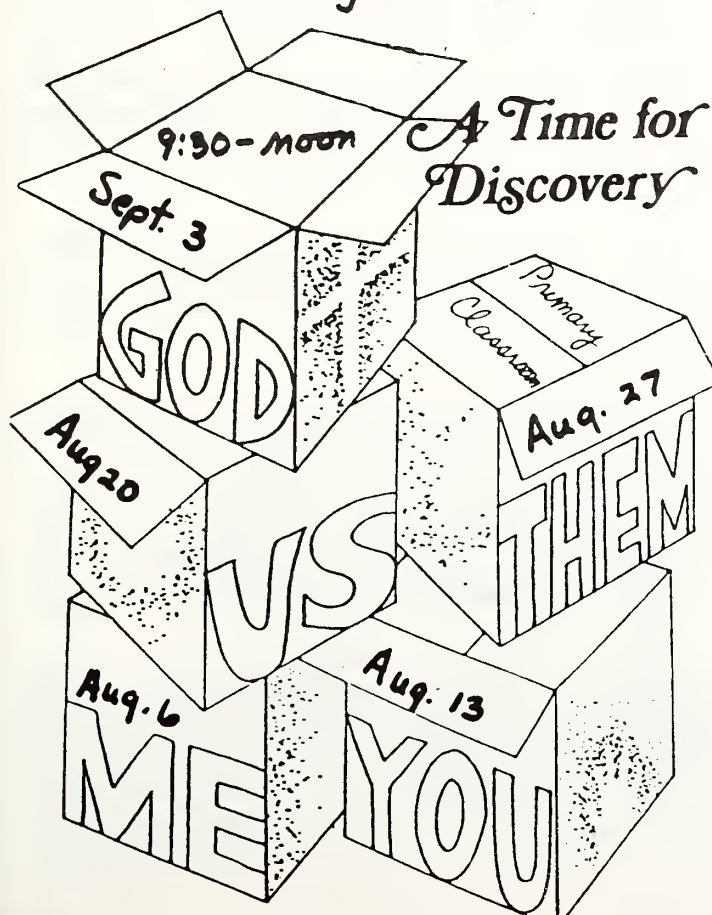
A NOTE FROM THE EVANGELISM COMMITTEE

The Evangelism Committee is planning to distribute small loaves of bread in the community again this year. Mark your calendar for September 16 to give an hour to the church.

Beginning at 8:00, we will go out two by two to make the deliveries. One person driving - the other placing the loaves on the doorstep. Put feet to your faith and plan to help in this community awareness project!

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Bernice Montgomery is undergoing tests at St. Joseph, but doing well after fainting Sunday.

Jo Franklin is now home recuperating from surgery.

Lenay and John Yonko, visitors at FCC, are the proud new parents of Audrey!

Shanna and Tim Southivong were united in marriage at FCC Saturday, August 26. Congratulations!

Herb & Kathlyn Banet celebrated their 50th wedding anniversary on August 26! Congratulations.

NEWS OF FORMER MEMBERS

Glenna Chandler, who moved to West Virginia two years ago, will be married to Kevin Paul Rooney on September 2. Congratulations Glenna!

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Thank you's go to our excellent staff, to our lay leadership, and especially to Judy Church, who served as liason with staff and congregation. I am now trying to "catch up" on everything that happened while I was gone. Lots does happen in three months!

A copy of my "sabbatical report" is available to anyone who would like a copy. Just call the office and we'll send you one. My summer was filled with insights, discoveries and serendipities. Now, I'm ready to roll. I feel better than I've felt in years! I've got a million ideas, a nearly completed manuscript, sermon material galore, and most importantly, a renewed spirit. I thank you for making it possible, and I thank God for making it what it was!

We were very fortunate to have Jeff Bates as our first seminary intern. I regret not being here when he finished up, but I'll be meeting with him soon to "debrief" and evaluate. Also, I'll be doing a wedding for him and Cindy this Fall! We are aiming to continue the Intern program and hope to have another on board January 1. This program is financed by our Memorial Trust Scholarship Fund.

I do have one deep concern as I return. Although we are current on all our bills (praise God!), we are not current on all our responsibilities! That is, we are behind in our giving to Basic Mission Finance (which finances the work of the whole church) and other outreach causes. If you are behind in your giving (it is August!), please do what you can to catch up. If you are able to do something extra, please do. We are running "tight" this year, but now that the Capital Campaign is complete (praise God!), some of the pressure should be off the operational budget in 1990 (our fall stewardship campaign will tell the tale). Thank you all for your excellent stewardship and your generous spirits!

So many improvements were made to the building while I was gone. The Fellowship Hall is looking 100% better, the freshly painted exterior is beautiful (isn't this a lovely facility?), and lots of smaller projects were completed. I am grateful to Jim Bushey (property chair) and all the volunteers who helped (especially Dave Kreischer, who has been painting, painting, painting!).

Now, the exquisite joy of catching up with 500 people's lives. I'll be talking with you soon.

Again, thanks staff (especially Linn, Helen, and Jeff), and thanks to Judy Church, to all our lay leaders, to Bob Orr and Paul Champion for preaching (I still have to find out what you had to say!), and to the whole congregation for making it possible.

See you Sunday.

Love,

Dick

P.S. Sunday, the sermon will be "Our Job", based on Colossians 3:23, and Proverbs 12:14.

NEWS FROM THE FESTIVAL CHOIR

Members of the Festival Choir have received a Certificate of Commendation from the city of Fort Wayne and Mayor Paul Helmke for their efforts to promote international peace and understanding with the gift of the English handbells to the Evangelische Kirchengemeinde in Caputh, East Germany. Members of the choir who are members or friends of First Christian Church are: Helen Donnell, Rose and Jim Newton, Rose Gaskill, and Phil Zimmerman. Congratulations!

HELP! - HELP - HELP!

We are in desperate need of volunteers for the Food Bank once or twice a month for 2 hours on Monday, Wednesday, & Friday mornings. If you can help with this worthwhile cause, call Dick Mory at 456-3961 or the church office. Thank you!

ELDER'S MEETING - Saturday, September 9, 8:00 a.m.

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The Mildred's

EXTENDED SESSION LEADERS

LAY WORSHIP LEADERS

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The Men's Breakfast will not meet this
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10:00 A.M. Sunday School Teacher's
Meeting

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Janice Ashton (10)
Enin Proegler (11)
Rita Alexander (12)
Barb Rumpel (12)
Nancy Geiselman (12)
Ruth Plummer (12)
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Beulah Timmons (13)
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Edna Nordblom (15)
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CHURCH WOMEN UNITED will hold their annual Interfaith Luncheon at Hall's Guesthouse, 1313 W. Washington Center Road on Monday, September 18 at 12:00 noon. Tickets are \$6.50 - reservation deadline is September 10. Speaker will be Pat Helman. Music will be under the direction of Sara Collins. Call the church office, 744-3239, by Wednesday, September 7 to register.

A NOTE FROM THE EVANGELISM COMMITTEE

September 16 is fast approaching. The bread delivery project is waiting for your volunteer help. Call the church office today to let them know you'll help!

AREA ASSEMBLY
Sunday, September 10, 1989
W. Creighton Christian



**WOODHAVEN
HANDBELL CHOIR**
In Concert

5 pm Registration 5:30 Salad Supper Suggested
donation \$2.50/person
6:15 Area I Meeting 7 pm Handbell Concert
A free will offering will be received
Childcare will be provided. Please call 744-4950
for reservations.



**SUNDAY SCHOOL
STARTS
SUNDAY
SEPT. 10**

**JOIN US FOR BREAKFAST
AT 9:15 A.M.**

**YOUTH AND ADULT FORUM
9:30 A.M. WITH GUEST
DR. KEITH MC MAHAN
VOLUNTEER IN MINISTRY
TO
CENTRAL AMERICA**

ELDER'S MEETING - Saturday, September 9, 8:00 a.m.

BOARD OF TRUSTEES MEETING - Tuesday, September 12, 7:30 p.m.

JOYS & CONCERNS

Thelma Haxton is a patient at Lutheran Hospital.

Henry Flowers is in St. Joseph Hospital.

Bernice Montgomery is in St. Joseph Hospital.

Carl Linn is in Parkview Hospital.

(This is as of Friday, September 1)

THANK YOU

Thank you to the Christian Education Committee for facilitating the Breakfast Plus series and all those who brought breakfast goodies.



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FROM PARSON TO PERSON

Dear Friends,

Well, I'm "back in the saddle," and it feels good. I am seeking to stay "centered" emotionally and spiritually as I go about my work, and so far I seem to be succeeding. It was really fun to share some insights gained last Sunday.

Fall is in the air. It's hard to believe, isn't it? Those crisp nights do feel good though. We are such an environmentally controlled people (heating, air conditioning, etc.), and we are so accustomed to being able to buy our fruits and vegetables any time of year, that we tend to get out of touch with nature's ebb and flow (although one bite of a "hot house" tomato will tell you this is not something you raised in your summer garden!). We need to recapture the feeling of seasons, for not only does our planet experience seasons, but we experience them in our own lives as well. Yet, if we are too insulated from what's going on outside, and inside, we fail to appreciate the seasons of our lives, to celebrate them and respect them. There is, afterall, a time, a season, for every purpose under Heaven (Ecclesiastes), and if we are attune to these seasons of our lives, we can go with the flow rather than always "swimming upstream."

When it's time to make changes, we need to do so. When it's time to wait patiently for that "breeze to blow in," we need to do so. What season is it in your life right now? I pray that you will be in touch with the Holy Spirit's power and comfort as you seek to do what is appropriate in this season of your life.

See you Sunday.

Love,

Dick

P.S. Sunday I'll be preaching on "The Four Planes of Life," based on Romans 7:21-25. (No, I don't mean 727, 737, 749, and 757!).

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MANY, MANY THANKS to the following afternoon office volunteers for the months of July and August: Ruth Yost, Dorothy Overmyer, Evelyn Yeoman, Ruth Bennington, and Ruth Plummer. Thanks again ladies, you did a fine job!

SERVING SEPTEMBER 10

ELDERS

8:15 A.M. Dwain Graham and
Tom Walsh
10:45 A.M. Dick Vanderwall and
Bert Leversee

DIACONATE & GREETERS

8:15 A.M. N. Knappenberger-SW, N.
Mennewisch-NW, J. Young, K. Graham
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Miller, J. Franklin, D. Hamm

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M. Hutchinson
10:45 A.M. C. McGrew, B. Haines,
H. Nordblom, W. Bowen

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R. Stover & M. Quick

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Anita Ellis

EXTENDED SESSION LEADERS

LAY WORSHIP LEADERS

8:15 A.M.
10:45 A.M.

CHURCH CALENDAR

SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 9

8:00 A.M. Elder Breakfast/Meeting
10:00 A.M. Sunday School Teacher's
Meeting

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8:15 A.M. First Worship
9:15 A.M. Sunday School Breakfast
9:30 A.M. Sunday School Forum
10:45 A.M. Second Worship
5:00 P.M. Area I Assembly at West
Creighton

MONDAY, SEPTEMBER 11

8:30 A.M. Staff Meeting
12:30 P.M. Retired Teacher's Meeting
7:00 P.M. Coalition of S.S. Neighborhoods

TUESDAY, SEPTEMBER 12

11:30 A.M. Rebecca Group

7:30 P.M. Board of Trustees

WEDNESDAY, SEPTEMBER 14

5:30 P.M. Carillon

7:00 P.M. Chancel Choir

THURSDAY, SEPTEMBER 16

9:00 A.M. C.L.E.A.R. Day at CTS

BIRTHDAYS September 17-23

Dan Flickinger (17)
Ginny Johnson (19)
Maggie Smith (19)
Mary Novachoff (19)
Rosalie Hall (20)
John Hine (20)
Paul Champion (21)
Ellen Crowden (21)
Ruth Norton (21)
Westin Hudlow (22)
Bert Leversee (22)

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WELCOME NEW MEMBERS!

Kathy Blocher made her confession of faith last Sunday and was baptized this Sunday. She lives at 934 W. DeWald Street 46802, phone - 744-6327.

Ehren Jackson and Scott Wright, who will be married at FCC in November, came this Sunday to make their confession of faith and to be baptized.

Their address will be 4519 Spatz Avenue 46806, phone - 745-7533.

Congratulations and welcome to you all!

ALL ELDERS NOTE

Elder ordination will take place this Sunday, September 17 at the 8:15 a.m. service. Please meet in the sanctuary at 8:05 for instruction.

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CONGREGATIONAL MEETING

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BREAD FOR THE WORLD meets Tuesday, September 19, 6:00 p.m., at the church.
STEWARDSHIP COMMITTEE meets Tuesday, September 19, 7:00 p.m., at the church.

JOYS & CONCERNS

Released from hospital: Herb Banet, Bernice Montgomery

Parkview: Carl Linn

Lutheran: Thelma Haxton, Grant Woodward's brother, Ray, and Marge Thomas is to have had surgery this Wednesday, September 13.

THANK YOU

A big thank you goes to Lauren Ewing and Sue Brey who created the new paraments for the Table, lecturn, and pulpit. They are wonderful!



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FROM PARSON TO PERSON

Dear Friends,

What a wonderful day Sunday was.....three adult confessions and baptisms (not to mention a rededication). I love to have youth come to profess faith and be baptized, of course, but it's always extra special when adults come.

Sunday's sermon was difficult to do because the theme is so complex, but some of the ideas I thought were most important to keep in mind included these: 1. God has created us to be spiritually whole, and to ignore any of the four planes of life (physical, emotional, intellectual, and spiritual) is to be less than whole. 2. Try as we may, we cannot successfully use the intellectual to compensate for needs in the other planes, though many of us often try to do so. 3. People who emphasize the spiritual in their life, but who have not dealt adequately with their other planes will be "flakey," or angry, or manipulative. If you want a tape of the whole sermon, "The Four Planes of Life," give the office a call.

We have an exciting program year beginning! It will surely be a year of growth for us, personally and congregationally.

I haven't said much about the General Assembly of the Christian Church (Disciples) back in August, but it was a very fine meeting in which the spirit moved mightily and many important decisions were taken. There does seem to be some misinformation about in some of our congregations about what was done. If you have questions, or have heard rumors, I would be delighted to talk with you about it!

Have a great week! See you Sunday.

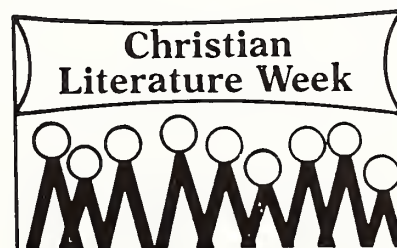
Love,

Dick

P.S. Sunday it's "A Road Map For Life," based on Matthew 25:14-30.

CHRISTIAN LITERATURE WEEK AND LUNCHEON - SEPTEMBER 24

Come for lunch after worship and browse among the selection of books from Christian Board of Publication. Start your Christmas shopping early.



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8:15 A.M. Sam Hayes and
Ralph Church
10:45 A.M. Gene & Eileen Klepfer
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NW, K. Taylor, P. Tobias
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NE, D. Mey, J. Mey, L. Brey, J.
Hatten

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8:15 A.M. E. Snouffer, D. Smith,
M. Thomas
10:45 A.M. C. McGrew, B. Haines,
D. Kreischer, E. Nordblom

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P. Champion - C. Ewing
D. Mory - M. Mullen
J. Church - D. Harter

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8:30 A.M. Staff Meeting

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6:00 P.M. Bread For The World
7:00 P.M. Stewardship Committee
7:30 P.M. Sarah Circle

WEDNESDAY, SEPTEMBER 20

6:30 P.M. Creative Arts in Worship,
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THURSDAY, SEPTEMBER 21

5:30 P.M. Carillon

7:00 P.M. Chancel Choir

FRI. SEPT. 22-SUN. SEPT. 24

Men's Retreat at Barbee

BIRTHDAYS September 24-30

Robert Petty (24)
Jenny Harten (25)
Mark Mishlen (25)
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ADULT FUN NIGHT

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Bring a salad or a dessert. Call Kris to RSVP at 447-2833 after 4:30 p.m.

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PICTORIAL DIRECTORY NEWS

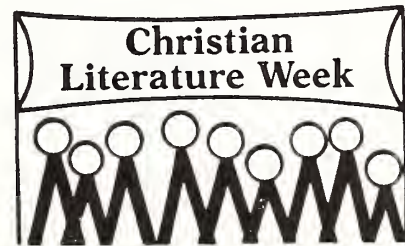
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FALL DIACONATE DINNER

All deacons and their spouses (or guests) are invited to our fall pitch-in dinner and brief meeting at the church, Monday, October 2, 6:30 p.m. Plan to bring either a meat dish, or salad, or vegetable, or dessert. Please call the church office or Mindy (745-4536 after 3:30 p.m.) to RSVP.

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COMMITTEES MEET

Tuesday, September 26, 7:00 p.m.: Worship, Christian Education, Outreach & Service, Lay Leadership, Evangelism, & Fellowship.

Wednesday, September 27, 7:00 p.m.: Property.

CWF OFFICER & INSTALLATION PROGRAM will be on Saturday, September 30, 1989 at 9:30 a.m. in Fellowship Hall. There will be a continental breakfast!

JOYS & CONCERNS

Earl Fusselman's sister-in-law died last week in Huntington.
Roger Gross's 37 year old sister died last week in Alexandria.
Marge Thomas had surgery last week and is home recuperating.
Thelma Haxton remains a patient at Lutheran.
Carl Linn remains a patient at Parkview.
Janet Harts is in St. Joseph.
Linn Bartling (and George's) son Carl, was married this weekend.

THANK YOU

Eleven disciples delivered the goods - in the rain. Portions of Southwood Park neighborhood was saturated last Saturday with loaves of bread along with an invitation to First Christian. A big thank you to Judy Church, Lois Finkhausen, Janet Smith, Evelyn Yeoman, Mindy Hamm, Ruth Bennington, Don Oden, Sue Oden, Sam Smith, Dan Ross, and Dick Hamm for delivering in the rain. A special thanks to Jack Lindsay for donating the plastic bags, Diane Johnson for printing labels and Don and Sue Oden for donating the bread.

Job well done!

TO ALL MY "FAMILY" AT FIRST CHRISTIAN CHURCH

Thank you so much for your love and concern during and after my surgery. Your prayers, calls, cards, and food were wonderful and really helped me to recover!

Love you all,
Jo Franklin

NEWS OF MEMBER

Bryce Stover, in basic training for the Navy, writes the following to the congregation:

"Thank all of you in the congregation of First Christian Church for all of your support, encouragement, care, and love to me as well as your neighbors. There is one thing that I would like to tell you that I didn't get a chance to convey; I love you all. I would like to hear from you. God bless.

Bryce

You can write Bryce at:

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Paul & Jane Fisher, 4503 Plaza Drive; Ralph & Jane Gutmann, 16907 Indianapolis Road, Yoder, IN.

FROM PARSON TO PERSON

Dear Friends,

The following is about the Disciple Commission on Theology report on salvation. I think the Commission is on target. We are not a Church with creeds, and trying to narrowly define salvation seems to me to both risk becoming a "creedal" church and to make judgements for God. Dangerous territory. The Commission's report was received by the General Assembly in Indianapolis in August.

Salvation Belongs to God Only: Commission

The Disciples of Christ theology commission believes that judgment about who is saved belongs to God, but that does not imply it accepts the position of universal salvation, according to the commission chairperson.

Dean Jack Forstman of the Vanderbilt Divinity School, Nashville, Tenn., answered questions at the church's General Board May 1 as the Commission on Theology reported on its two-year study of salvation through Jesus Christ.

The board received the study with appreciation and affirmed that it expresses the biblical faith in Jesus Christ as savior.

Several questions were raised but there was no voiced opposition to the comprehensive report.

A controversy flared two years ago among fundamentalist Disciples when the church's General Assembly referred for study, rather than adopt, a business item terming Jesus Christ the sole path to salvation.

In the study, the commission maintains that there are two themes in the New Testament, one stressing Jesus as the only path to salvation, the other that salvation is God's grace to all and cannot be earned by people's response.

The theology commission—linked

to the Council on Christian Unity—notes that the New Testament warns against self-righteousness "which is inappropriate to the Gospel," adding that "no human being is ultimately rejected and nullified by God."

According to the commission: "The church is called to witness to the Gospel without shame or hesitation. But it cannot and must not make its witness in such a way that it turns God's gift into a prerequisite for the receipt of the gift.

"Confessing that Jesus Christ is savior is not a test which one must pass before God will show merciful love but a means which God has provided so that the experience of that love can be shown and enjoyed by all."

The commission asserts that the two images must be taken together to avoid tribalism on one hand, idolatry on the other.

"We are sometimes tempted to feel as Christians we deserve God's grace, and we then wonder why others fail to be as deserving as we are."

Reflecting further on the question of grace, the commission states: "The New Testament abounds in images showing that God responds to the human situation not in terms of reward and punishment, but in terms of unmerited mercy and boundless love."

Keep in mind that no one speaks for Disciples. We are a free church. The General Assembly speaks to the church, not for it. So no one has to agree with the Commission on the General Assembly. But it is worth careful consideration.

See you Sunday.

Love,

Dick

P.S. Sunday I'm preaching "moderation." Bring your thinking caps! May you see God's hand in your life this week!

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Lynn Spencer (11)
Anna Taylor (2)
Ruth Bennington (3)
Bruce Stone (3)
Kathlyn Banet (4)
Tim Evans (4)
Deb Lester (5)
Jean McGrew (5)
Earl Plummer (6)
Ruby Kollman (7)
Gina Mielke (7)
Bryce Stover (7)

CHURCH CALENDAR

SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 24 - Christian Literature Week

8:15 A.M. First Worship
9:30 A.M. Church School
9:30 A.M. Congregational Meeting
10:45 A.M. Second Worship
12:00 NOON Christian Literature Week
Luncheon
2:00 P.M. Marriage Seminar

TUESDAY, SEPTEMBER 26

12:00 NOON D.M.A. Potluck with presentation
from Police Dept. on "security
for seniors"

7:00 P.M. Committee Meetings (Stewardship
& Property will not meet)

WEDNESDAY, SEPTEMBER 27

6:30 P.M. Creative Arts in Worship,
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(Copy deadline Monday at 9:00 am)

WELCOME NEW MEMBERS!

Malcolm and Lou Simmons transferred their membership from the Cambridge City (Indiana) Christian Church. They are Diane Mory's parents. We're delighted to have them here now!

They live at 6316 S. Harrison Street 46807; phone - 744-3909.

ADULT FUN NIGHT

Adult Fun Night will be at John & Kris Ohneck's, 4214 Mirada Drive on Friday evening, September 29, 1989 at 7:30 p.m.

Bring a salad or a dessert. Call Kris to RSVP at 447-2833 after 4:30 p.m.

FLOWERS NEEDED

There is an immediate need for flowers for worship service in October. If you would like to give flowers in memory of someone or in celebration of an anniversary or birthday during the remainder of the year, please sign the chart in the Narthex for the Sunday of your choice or call the church office. Cost is \$15.00. Thank you very much.

CONGREGATIONAL MEETING

The Congregational Meeting will be this Sunday, October 1, 9:30 a.m. in the sanctuary.

PICTORIAL DIRECTORY NEWS

If you have not had the opportunity to select proofs (or to have your picture taken, for that matter), please call the church office for information about where and when you can do so.

FALL DIACONATE DINNER

All deacons and their spouses (or guests) are invited to our fall pitch-in dinner and brief meeting at the church, Monday, October 2, 6:30 p.m. Plan to bring either a meat dish, or salad, or vegetable, or dessert. Please call the church office or Mindy (745-4536 after 3:30 p.m.) to RSVP.

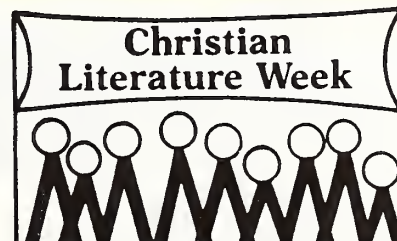
CWF OFFICER & INSTALLATION PROGRAM will be on Saturday, September 30, 1989 at 9:30 a.m. in Fellowship Hall. There will be a continental breakfast!

A NOTE FROM THE CHRISTIAN EDUCATION COMMITTEE

The Christian Education Committee needs magazines with lots of pictures of people and animals. Please leave on the counter across from the nursery.

CHRISTIAN LITERATURE WEEK

One more chance to purchase books, this Sunday, October 1, in Fellowship Hall.



CYF starts this Sunday, October 1 from 4:30 - 6:00 p.m. Meet in Fellowship Hall with he Hattens.

JOYS & CONCERNS

Thelma Haxton remains a patient at Lutheran.
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THANK YOU

Check out the new blinds in Fellowship Hall. Thanks to the Bazaar Committee for providing them!



Pray for these...



REMEMBER IN PRAYER

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AMONG OUR VISITORS IN WORSHIP - 9-24-89

Brad Miller, 3827 Indian Hills Drive; Stephanie Montgomery, 2804 Pinewood Drive; Steve Richards; Brian Rautsaw, 8664 US 35 W., Eaton, Ohio.



Creative Arts in Worship
Grades 1 - 5
Wednesdays - 6:30 to 7:30

FROM PARSON TO PERSON

Dear Friends,

In moments of emergency we sometimes do our best thinking. Numerous stories have been told about the sinking of the luxury ship, the "Titanic," following its collision with a huge iceberg off Newfoundland. One story tells about the response of a passenger to the cry of a crewman, "You have only three minutes to gather your valuables and get into the lifeboat."

Rushing into her stateroom, she quickly surveyed her wardrobe. She grabbed her fur coats and hugged them to her. Realizing they would be of no value in a case like this she threw them on the bed. She then turned to her jewelry and began to pick up as much as she could carry. But dropping that idea she then turned to her purse and started to gather up several hundred dollars in currency. Finally with time running out, she threw the bills down and reached for some fruit on a table. There was also a small New Testament there so she took it as well.

In this sudden moment of truth, food for the body and soul meant more than furs, jewels or money. The issues of life had become simplified under the existing fact of emergency. Nourishment was more important now than all the wealth she could gather.

Food and life are inseparably connected. To the primitive man, the quest for food was the primary concern of his life. To be unsuccessful in providing it could be fatal. To hoard it could well have been the first sign of human wealth. To distribute or share it to the needy may have been the first act of human benevolence. When life is reduced to its simplest elements, bread remains as a basic essential.

It is against this backdrop that Jesus made the statement -- "I am the bread of life" (John 6:35) and gives profound meaning for human lives. Deny one bread or food and you take away life. Jesus then carried His illustration to this same critical point by saying, "Any who come to me will never be hungry; any who come to me will never be thirsty."

While some people misunderstood this idea and rejected it, the more thoughtful found the truth of Jesus' assertion and the light of a divine revelation began to dawn upon them. For in Jesus they began to see the things for which they were truly hungry. Underneath all the hunger of the body was also the hunger of the soul. They realized that the soul needed food as well, and in Jesus, God has provided that "manna from heaven." They could now see that their lives were made to be nourished by the truth embodied in the Christ.

This Sunday is World-Wide Communion Sunday, a day when Christians the world over break bread together and celebrate our oneness in need and our oneness in dependence upon God's grace. Come and break bread!

See you then.

Love,

Dick

HAVE YOU LOST A CHILD?

If you have, you know the pain it brings, and all the other feelings. Project Comfort is a program offered by the Parkview Hospital Chaplaincy for parents who have lost children (through miscarriage, stillbirth, or infancy). Meet other parents and find the support only one who has shared the experience can provide. Call 484-6636 extension 2630 for more information.

SERVING OCTOBER 1

ELDERS

8:15 A.M. Jack Weicker and
Dwain Graham
10:45 A.M. Donald Kampenga and
Eunice Conrad

DIACONATE & GREETERS

8:15 A.M. J. Young-SW, K. Graham-
NW, K. Taylor, N. Mennewisch
10:45 A.M. D. Kreischer-SW, M.
Hamm-NW, J. Lindsay-SE, B. Lindsay-
NE, K. Spencer, L. Stover, E. Yeoman,
T. Davis

USHERS

8:15 A.M. E. Snouffer, D. Smith,
M. Hartman
10:45 A.M. C. McGrew, B. Haines,
W. Bowen, T. Knuckles

JUNIOR USHERS

Sara Glasgow & Becky Krull
HOMEBOUND COMMUNION
D. Vanderwall - D. Knudsen
D. Graham - B. Kerley
M. Crouse - J. McGrew
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Wes & Mimi Westerfield

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Sam Hayes & Mark & Julie Mishler

SUNDAY SCHOOL HOSTESS

Kris Ohneck

LAY WORSHIP LEADERS

8:15 A.M. Laura York
10:45 A.M. Marlo Quick

CHURCH CALENDAR

SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 30

9:30 A.M. C.W.F. Officer Installation
Program & Breakfast

SUNDAY, OCTOBER 1 - WORLD WIDE COMMUNION

8:15 A.M. First Worship
9:30 A.M. Congregational Meeting
9:30 A.M. Church School
10:45 A.M. Second Worship
4:30 P.M. CYF

MONDAY, OCTOBER 2

8:30 A.M. Staff Meeting
6:30 P.M. Diaconate Pitch-In Dinner

WEDNESDAY, OCTOBER 4

5:00 P.M. Youth Bells
6:30 P.M. Creative Arts in Worship,
Grades 1-5

THURSDAY, OCTOBER 5

9:30 A.M. Naomi Group at Grace Truby/
Mabel Watson's, 2445 Fair-
field, Apt. 301

SATURDAY, OCTOBER 7

9:00 A.M. - 11:00 P.M. Unitarian Workshops
at FCC

NEXT SUNDAY: Second Graders welcomed into
worship at 10:45 a.m. service

BIRTHDAYS October 8-14

Eileen Klepfen (8)
Bill Johnson (9)
Mildred Hogg (10)
Mike Chapin (10)
Candace Cole (10)
Kathy Graham (10)
Lori Bagley (12)
Anne Lee (12)
Charles Wriisk (13)
Tami Davis (13)
Loree Kuhlman (14)
Jim Brame (14)

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Susan Geroff transferred her membership from North Central Church of Christ in Indianapolis. She and her husband Pete, who is Eastern Orthodox, and their children, Megan and Kristen, live at 906 Pasadena Drive 46807; phone - 745-3917.

Welcome Geroffs!

TOUR OF BROWN COUNTY

The D.M.A. (Don't Mention Age Fellowship) invites you to join them for a motor coach color tour of Brown County. We will depart on Tuesday, October 17, 7:00 a.m. and return about 6:00 p.m. The day will include time to shop in Nashville, Indiana. Cost is \$18.00 per person.

If you'd like to join us, call to RSVP this week at 744-3239. Join the fun, see the beauty of Brown County.

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BOARD OF TRUSTEES: Tuesday, October 10, 7:30 p.m.

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SATURDAY, OCTOBER 28

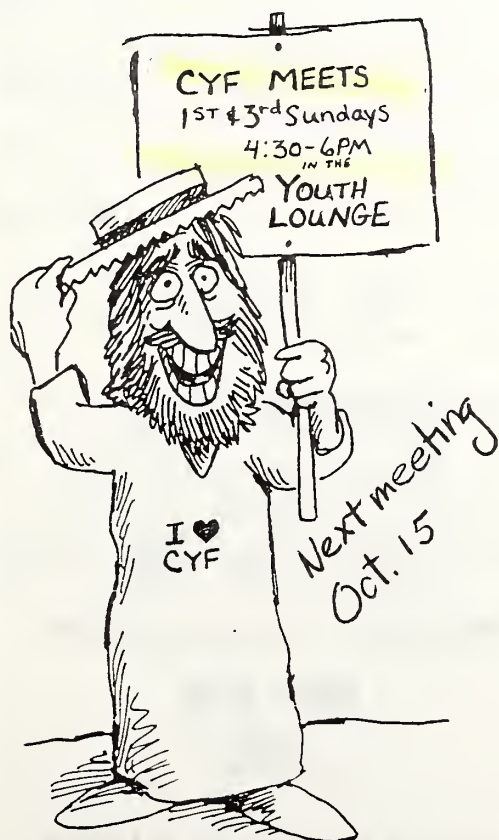


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AMONG OUR VISITORS IN WORSHIP - 10-1-89

Maralyn Barger (no address given); Ka, Kraig, Daryn Galbreath, 6120 W. Ferguson; Leo Heimann, 1214 E. Paulding.



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THE FESTIVAL CHOIR

FROM PARSON TO PERSON

Dear Friends,

I have asked Helen to write the following, so that you may know.

Dick

Dick has asked me to write this medical report, and I am happy to do so because so many of you have expressed prayerful concern and have given me great amounts of emotional support. I am grateful for that with all my heart.

My husband Wayne and I had a long conversation with my neurologist last week. The reason for the onset in July (while in East Germany) of numbness from shoulders to toes, and a few other less significant symptoms, is Multiple Sclerosis. I had apparently had an episode of it in 1982, but at the time, there was no diagnostic tool such as Magnetic Resonance Imaging and so the diagnosis at the time was unclear, and I left the hospital being treated for something very different.

As you may know, M.S. is an unpredictable disease with no known cause. What is known is that the immune system turns against the body and destroys the sheath in which the nerves reside--the myelin--in the brain and/or spinal cord. Plaques appear in the damaged places which prevent nerves from sending the right messages throughout the body. Nobody yet knows why this happens, but one of the suspicions at this time is that a virus in childhood may trigger it. It is not a killer disease, but it can be severely debilitating. I am not a medical person, but that is how I understand it.

The doctor was very encouraging, however. He said that because of my track record with it - complete remission in '82, the M.R.I., and my age, - that the prognosis is excellent, and that clearly this is a mild case. I have read in the book he gave me that 20% of all patients with M.S. are not restricted and remain fully active. In fact, people have it without discernible symptoms as shown by autopsies after death from other causes.

Fatigue and stress play some part in the severity of the symptoms, he said, but only in the same way they do in a case of pneumonia or any other illness. Heat is a major factor, which is why, I suppose, any symptoms I have experienced have been in summers, some so minor that I have paid them no attention. And many can be attributed to other things which makes the diagnosis of M.S. very difficult.

There is no treatment which affects the outcome of the disease, although several reduce the symptoms, one of which has helped me. The best care is a healthy diet, lots of rest, and exercise which keep muscles strong, so long as the body does not get over-heated.

I am so pleased that I can now walk a whole mile with no difficulty, my hand writing has returned to normal, (?!), and I can play simple things on the piano. I am still troubled by a great amount of tingling and fatigue, but even these things are subsiding.

No one knows when another episode will occur-----30 days, 5 years,-----which is all the more reason to enjoy the moment and be hopeful for the years to come.

Thank you again for your prayers and your concern. My family and I are relieved and happy that, given the diagnosis of an incurable (currently!), chronic disease, that I have been given the best prognosis possible.

Do you know about hovering angels? If you don't, my friend, I can tell you!

Love to you all,

Helen

SERVING OCTOBER 8

ELDERS

8:15 A.M. Sam Hayes and
Paul Champion
10:45 A.M. Kris Ohneck and
John Ohneck

DIACONATE & GREETERS

8:15 A.M. N. Knappenberger-SW, P.
Tobias-NW, C. Ewing, D. Harter
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MONDAY, OCTOBER 9

8:30 A.M. Staff Meeting

9:00 A.M. Mother's Morning Out

9:30 A.M. Monday Morning Study Group

TUESDAY, OCTOBER 10

11:30 A.M. Rebecca Circle

7:30 P.M. Board of Trustees

WEDNESDAY, OCTOBER 11

5:00 P.M. Youth Bells

6:15 P.M. Chi Rho

6:30 P.M. Creative Arts in Worship,

Grades 1-5

THURSDAY, OCTOBER 12

5:30 P.M. Carillon

7:00 P.M. Chancel Choir

FRIDAY, OCTOBER 13

9:30 A.M. Sherwood/Pettit Assoc.

NEXT SUNDAY: October 15 - YOUTH & ADULT

SUNDAY SCHOOL FORUM - 9:30 a.m.

in Fellowship Hall - With Margaret

McCray-Morrall

BIRTHDAYS October 15-21

Edna Vaught (15)

Charles Hansbarger (15)

Dick Ashton (15)

Eric Baugher (16)

Ruth Ogles (17)

Herb Banet (17)

Fredrick Warren (18)

Charles Byrket (18)

Tim Knuckles (19)

Leatha Jones (21)

Sanah Patton (21)

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Partners - Jane

Williams (18)

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Miss Michelle Moore, 907 Mildred Avenue.



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SATURDAY, OCTOBER 28



FROM PARSON TO PERSON

Dear Friends,

I have two very important items I want to share with you.

(1) Joe Wick, one of the funniest speakers I have ever heard, will be hear this Sunday, October 15, to entertain and inspire us at a Fellowship Dinner - "The Good News Banquet." You don't want to miss this! Meat, rolls, and beverage will be provided, so bring either a vegetable, or a salad, or a dessert.

(2) It is possible for us to take two or three more people to the Honduras Work Camp, February 22 - March 18. Any able bodied person (one participant is 76) is welcome, as there are a variety of tasks, including: gardening, tending farm animals, and all kinds of construction. We will be helping to build a Christian Conference Center in a poor part of the country. It will be a place, not only for inspiration, but for education, too.

I would like to have at least six of us go, but we are only four so far. Call me ASAP to learn more about it.

I was a "celebrity bagger" at Scott's last week. Seems to me they're scraping the bottom of the barrel when they call me a celebrity, but we did raise some money for the Cancer Society. I didn't break any eggs, either!

Hope you're enjoying these fall colors! See you Sunday!

Love,

Dick

P.S. Sunday it's "Who Ya Gonna Call?" based on John 1:35-42.

FOOD BANK VOLUNTEERS NEEDED DESPERATELY!

Food Bank volunteers are needed on Monday, Wednesday, or Friday mornings from 9:00 - 11:00 a.m. If you can help out with this much needed service, call the church office as soon as possible or Dick Mory at 456-3961. Thank you.

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THE FESTIVAL CHOIR



YOU WON'T BELIEVE THIS, BUT.....

The choirs are beginning to think about Christmas, and have already sung a carol or two, so if you would like to sing for Christmas this year, do please join us now!

Children grades 1-5 meet on Wednesdays from 6:30 to 7:30 p.m. for music and games and christian education.

Adults meet on Thursday nights from 7:00 to 9:00 p.m.

"Carols Around and a Round" begin now. Come join happy times in preparation for Advent and Christmas!

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8:15 A.M. Bill Crouse and
Delores Keebortz
10:45 A.M. Tom Walsh and
Eileen Klepfer

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10:45 A.M. Dick Vanderwall

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Ted Pfenning (22)

Bill Love (22)

Don Pomeroy (23)

Tom Mathias (25)

Steven Mullen (25)

Fred Smell (26)

Charles Munnau (28)

CHURCH CALENDAR

SATURDAY, OCTOBER 14

9:30 A.M. Sherwood/Pettit Assoc.

SUNDAY, OCTOBER 15

8:15 A.M. First Worship

9:30 A.M. Youth & Adult Sunday

School Forum with

Margaret McCray-Worrall

9:30 A.M. Church School

10:45 A.M. Second Worship

12:00 NOON Good News Dinner

4:30 P.M. C.Y.F.

MONDAY, OCTOBER, 16

8:30 A.M. Staff Meeting

9:00 A.M. Mother's Morning Out

TUESDAY, OCTOBER 17

7:00 A.M. D.M.A. to Brown County

6:00 P.M. Bread for the World

7:30 P.M. Sarah Circle

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5:00 P.M. Youth Bells

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7:00 P.M. Property Committee

7:30 P.M. Disciple Awareness Campaign

THURSDAY, OCTOBER 19

5:30 P.M. Carillon

7:00 P.M. Chancel Choir

7:15 P.M. Lafayette Place Assoc.

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7:30 P.M. Adult Fun Night at the

Unitarian Meeting House

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Karen Lands and her son, Spiro, transferred their membership from the Greek Orthodox Church in Hammond, Indiana. They live at 218 Alverno 46816, phone - 456-1347.

Richard & Carol Lynons and their son, Nick, transferred their membership from the Methodist Church. Son Chris made his confession of faith. Cortney and Anna also came forward with the family. They live at 6229 Winter Street 46816, phone - 447-0090.

Welcome to you all!

ADULT FUN NIGHT! THIS FRIDAY!

On Friday, October 20, 7:30 p.m., we will gather at the Unitarian Meeting House (5310 Old Mill Road) for a concert by the most excellent folk singer, Fred Small. Afterwards, we will go to Atz's for refreshments. Please RSVP with the church office (744-3239).

Fred Small has several albums in local stores and sings songs of conscience and of light-hearted fun. The New York Times writes about Fred Small, "First rate...Small's affection and optimism are contagious." The Washington Post writes, "Big-hearted and inspirational." And Pete Seeger writes, "Beautiful songs! Fred's songs tell a story, paint a picture, gets you involved even when you don't intend to be."

Don't miss it!

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DRUG AWARENESS - RED RIBBON CAMPAIGN

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AREA I BOARD - Monday, October 23, Saturn Christian Church, 6:30 p.m. RSVP - 744-3239.

COMMITTEES meet Tuesday, October 24, 7:00 p.m. (Property will not meet).

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JOYS & CONCERNS

Don Wiltfong has been called to be the permanent pastor of First Christian Church of Veedersburg, Indiana.

Dave & Anabella Kreischer are the proud great-grandparents of Amanda Nicole Morgan born on September 8. Their son Steve and wife, Judy, are the proud grandparents!

Bobbi Lindsay's mother died in Winchester last week. The funeral was Tuesday.

Iva Imbody, long time member, died last week. Her funeral was this past Monday.

Becky Babic's father died last week. Becky has been visiting us for several weeks.



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HEART TO HEART

The American Heart Association has a support group for heart patients and heart surgery veterans. The group meets on fourth Wednesdays, 6:30 p.m., at the office at 3139 Fairfield. Wednesday, October 25, 6:30 p.m., is the next meeting.

Blanche Lehman will be 100 years young on Tuesday, October 31. Congratulations!

FROM PARSON TO PERSON

Dear Friends,

This is Bring a Friend Sunday! Who ya gonna call? Who ya gonna invite?! Let's have a tremendous congregation Sunday!

Joe Wick was great fun Sunday. I hope you were able to be with us!

See you Sunday!

Love,

Dick

P.S. Sunday its "On Being Chosen," Colossians 3:12-17.

HALLOWEEN FUN



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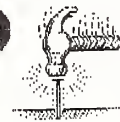
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October 28th

9:00am-noon

call Jim Bushey for details

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Judy Church
10:45 A.M. Marvin Crouse and
Rolland Ripple

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8:15 A.M. K. Taylor-SW, K.
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ley, S. Kerley, C. Falbe, J. Byers

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9:30 A.M. Area I CWF Leaders Meeting
10:00 A.M. Pictorial Directory Committee Meeting

SUNDAY, OCTOBER 22

8:15 A.M. First Worship
9:30 A.M. Church School
10:45 A.M. Second Worship
2:00 P.M. Pre-marital Seminar

MONDAY, OCTOBER 23

8:30 A.M. Staff Meeting
9:00 A.M. Mother's Morning Out
9:30 A.M. Monday Morning Study Group
6:30 P.M. Area I Board at Saturn
7:15 P.M. Lafayette Place Assoc.

TUESDAY, OCTOBER 24

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WEDNESDAY, OCTOBER 25

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THURSDAY, OCTOBER 26

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9:00 A.M. Share the Care Day

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Deborah Rinker (29)
Jeffrey Grier (30)
Jim Shirley (31)
Gus Mueller (31)
Charles Schnobel (31)
Helen Foltz (31)
Violet Wuthrich (11)
Sharon Eme (11)
Coleen Wilcoxson (11)
Judy Church (2)
Audrey Conkwell (2)
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David & Melanie Springer are the proud parents of Stacey Marie born on September 15! Congratulations!

THANK YOU

Many thanks to all who sent cards, made calls, and also for your prayers during my recent stay in the hospital.

Bernice Montgomery



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AMONG OUR VISITORS ON 10-29-89

Carol Montgomery, 6212 Bradbury; Carole & Terry Green, 9231 Sea Wind Place; Jim Grimshaw; Peter & Jill Bolakowski, 2442 Hoagland Avenue; Asya Goodwin, 4731 Glenmary; Mr. & Mrs. Richard & Linda Merrick, 6832 River Haze Road; Jane Lamle, Rt. 1, Box 193, Decatur, IN; Debbie Baker, 189 W. Essex; Mr. Harold Lyons, 203 W. Pettit Avenue; Jon Copeland, 2307 #7 Abbey Drive.

FROM PARSON TO PERSON

Dear Friends,

A lot of people must have "done their jobs" this week because we had fifteen first time visitors Sunday! I'm sure many more were invited who could not come, or chose not to come. Think of what will happen if we all keep at this and make it a point to invite someone every week! Good work!

Many of you have contributed to the Red Cross as a way of helping with the work in the San Francisco area. That's great. Church World Service is also there helping with emergency aid (they respond immediately to disasters around the world on our behalf). If you would like to respond through the Church, make your check payable to Church World Service and we'll pass it on immediately.

Several of our members have family living in the Bay Area. All had damage to their homes, but no one (I know of) was seriously injured, for which we are thankful.

Last week, in a specially called meeting, the Indiana Regional Board voted to sell the Indian Lake Campground in Indianapolis. It was a difficult decision. Many of us have strong ties to Barbee. Nevertheless, it was a responsible and necessary action. The Region cannot afford to operate more than one facility (Barbee, in the north), especially when we have unlimited use of the Bedford Camp (which belongs to the Bedford Christian Church) in southern Indiana. The million or so dollars that will be earned from the sale will be placed in a living endowment to fund Regional youth work and camp and conference programming forever. Not a bad legacy!

We are in the midst of our best evangelism year in about fifteen years. Thirty eight have joined so far. Keep up the good work of inviting and welcoming and caring!

See you Sunday!

Love,

Dick

P.S. Sunday it will be "When the Road Ahead Is Closed" based on Romans 8:31-35, 37-39.

P.S.S. Chris Hall will be baptized on November 5. The water will be ready.....if you are ready to be baptized, why not give me a call and we'll arrange for your baptism on November 5, as well!



HARVEST DINNER - SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 12

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Eunice Conrad
10:45 A.M. Bill Franklin and
Dick Vanderwall
DIACONATE & GREETERS
8:15 A.M. C. Ewing-SW, N. Menne-
wisch-NW, N. Knappenberger, P.
Tobias
10:45 A.M. K. Feeley-SW, D.
Rinker-NW, L. Stover-SE, M. Quick-
NE, D. Oden, S. Oden, K. Spencer,
D. Hamm

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M. Hutchinson
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G. Vanderwall, W. Bowen

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Becky Krull & Kelly Walsh
HOMEBOUND COMMUNION
B. Franklin - J. Kelly
J. Church - D. Miller
E. Conrad - J. Bushey
J. Ohneck - C. Long

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TO ME STEWARDSHIP MEANS:

Saying "Thank You" to God!

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Who Is God?

10:45 A.M. Second Worship

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9:00 A.M. Mother's Morning Out

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5:00 P.M. Youth Bells
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6:30 P.M. Creative Arts in Worship,
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THURSDAY, NOVEMBER 2

9:30 A.M. Naomi Group at Mildred Hogg's,
1206 Three Rivers East
5:30 P.M. Carillion

6:30 P.M. Brownies in Fellowship Hall

7:00 P.M. Chancel Choir

SATURDAY, NOVEMBER 4

8:00 A.M. Men's Breakfast

SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 5 - 2:30 p.m. - Christian

Unity Service at Cathedral

4:30 p.m. - CYF

BIRTHDAYS November 5-11

Michelle Stam (5)
John Phillips (5)
Tony York (5)
Alfred Pattengale (5)
Martha Christy (5)
Curt Miller (5)
Cindy Moriarty (7)
James Evans (7)
Gannet Ford (8)
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D.M.A. FELLOWSHIP

Two events are coming up - all are welcome!

1. On Tuesday, November 28, we will be going to Jackson, Michigan to see the Space Center. The Center features movies, displays, and exhibits of America's space program, including Mercury, Gemini, and Apollo space capsules. We will go by car, so there is no danger of cancellation. If you wish to go, call the office to RSVP. Also, if you would be willing to drive, let us know. We will share car expenses.

2. On Tuesday, December 19, we will meet for dinner at the Gas House (5:00 p.m.) and then take a PTC Trolley tour of Christmas lights. The trolley costs \$5.00 - it is enclosed and warm. You may come for the Trolley Tour only if you wish. Call the church office now to RSVP for the dinner and/or Trolley Christmas Light Tour. Seats are limited - first come, first served!

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Henry Flowers, long time member (45 years) died. His service was Friday.
Becca Olson and Dick Widmer became husband and wife last Saturday. Dr. Hamm officiated.

Dick Mey was in the hospital briefly last week but is home doing fine.

Helen Foltz is a patient at Lutheran.

John Clevenger is in Lutheran Hospital.

Chris Hall will be baptized this Sunday, having made his confession of faith three weeks ago.

Blanche Lehman is 100 years old this week!

Helen Donnell is a grandmother! Michael Joe was born October 19 to Joe & Beth Donnell! Congratulations!

THANK YOU

Many thanks to the following people who helped connelate and staple the 1990 Vision Booklet for mailing last week: Rolland & Genevieve Ripple, Earl & Ruth Plummer, John & Jo Weyer, Dick & Enma Vandenwall, Bill & Jo Franklin, Jackie Keller, and to Bette Haines for helping also to organize the group!



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PLEASE NOTE: There are a few items in the corner of the kitchen on top of the counter that have not been claimed. If these items belong to you, please take them home! Thanks.

FROM PARSON TO PERSON

Dear Friends,

I'm feeling less like an administrator and more like a spiritual leader these days. It feels good! What is making the difference?

While on sabbatical, I realized that in my busyness, I had fallen into the trap of trying to take over my Boss's (God's) job! That is, I had begun to feel that everything depended on me. If I didn't do it, it wouldn't get done. If I didn't meet everyone's needs, exactly as they wanted them met, then those needs would go begging and I would be a "bad pastor." This is the neurotic, controlling kind of mode that ministry tends to push people into (motherhood does the same thing!). Yet, as a minister, I am supposed to be modeling spiritual and emotional health and wholeness.

Now, I am seeing my ministry in a new light, and seeking to live it out in the light of insights like these:

1. God is in charge, I'm just helping God.

2. People need to take responsibility for their own needs and their own life. I may be a resource for them, but I must not try to take their responsibility for themselves from them, nor allow them to pass off their responsibility for themselves.

3. I am responsible for my own needs and my own life.

4. God is the ultimate source of all help and healing. My job as pastor is to help people understand their needs and to point them to God for help and healing.

In making this shift (which may seem very subtle from the outside), I am getting healthier, and so are others. Some will undoubtedly misunderstand or resist all of this, but beyond helping people understand it, it's not my problem.

As I look to Jesus as a model for ministry, I realize that while Jesus helped when he could, he never took from people their responsibility for themselves, and he always took responsibility for himself. We all do well to emulate his example.

What do you think?

Have a great week. See you Sunday!

Love,

Dick

P.S. Sunday it's "Coping With Loneliness," Psalm 139:1-14.

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ATTENTION: The CWF is still collecting postage stamps, Campbell soup labels, and the Betty Crocker points. There is a box in fellowship hall on the counter. Thank you.

ATTENTION STUDENTS - Butler University has a significant scholarship for Disciple of Christ students. If you are looking toward college and are a church member, call Dick Hamm (744-3239) for more details.

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 NW, K. Taylor, C. Long
 10:45 A.M. D. Ross-SW, M. Hamm-NW,
 D. Kreischer-SE, J. McGrew-NE, M.
 Mullen, J. Franklin, S. Zimmerman,
 T. Davis

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8:15 A.M. E. Snouffer, D. Smith,
 C. Byrket
 10:45 A.M. C. McGrew, B. Haines,
 T. Knuckles, H. Banet

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8:00 A.M. Men's Breakfast

SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 5

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 9:30 A.M. Church School
 9:30 A.M. Questions of Faith-Adult Study-
 What Good Is Prayer?
 10:45 A.M. Second Worship
 2:30 P.M. Christian Unity Service at
 Cathedral
 4:30 P.M. CYF

MONDAY, NOVEMBER 6

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Stewardship Sunday - 12:00 NOON -
 Harvest Dinner

BIRTHDAYS November 12-18

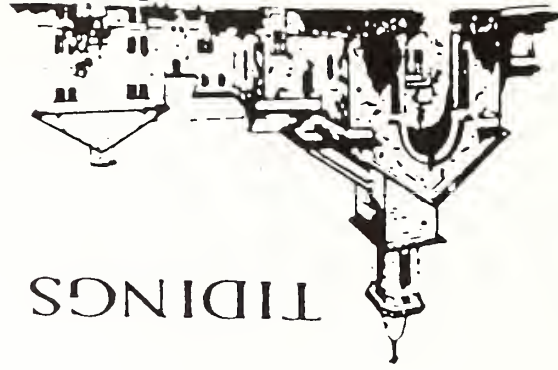
Sara Davis (12)
 Dan Mory (13)
 Debra Stam (16)
 Fran Eckert (17)

CHRISTIAN UNITY SERVICE AT CATHEDRAL

On Sunday, November 5, 2:30 p.m., Christians of all traditions will gather for a worship service of unity at the Cathedral (1122 S. Clinton St.). Pastor Dick Frazier of Trinity English Lutheran will speak, and the Festival Choir and the Cathedral Choirs will sing. Members of the congregation are invited to attend this historic service in this gorgeous setting with Christians of many traditions.

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(Copy deadline Monday at 9:00 am)

WELCOME NEW MEMBERS

Chris Hall was baptized this Sunday, having made his confession of faith several weeks ago. He lives with his family (the Lyons), at 6229 Winter St. 46816; phone - 447-0090.

Orda Glentzer became an associate member Sunday and was rebaptized at her request. Orda has been a part of our fellowship for many years, and we're delighted to have her as an "official" part of the family! She lives at 5702 Buell Drive 46807; phone - 745-5794. Welcome, Orda!

PARENT-CHILD DEDICATION

On Sunday, November 19, in 10:45 a.m. worship, we will have a Parent-Child Dedication Service. We Disciples do not baptize infants, but we do dedicate them. If you are interested in this service and would like more information, call Dick Hamm (744-3239) at your earliest convenience.

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NEW SEMINARY INTERN CALLED

A new seminary intern will be with us beginning this Sunday. You will remember that the intern program is paid for by our scholarship fund, a part of our Memorial Trust Program. The program makes it possible for a Seminarian to work with us for a year at a time (for a possible two terms), 20 hours a week when school is in session, full-time when school is out. We seek to expose this person to the whole range of ministerial duties and responsibilities. Jeff Bates was our intern last year.

Jim Grimshaw is a student at Christian Theological Seminary, having made his decision for ministry after four years as an engineer with Packard Electric Division of G.M. He earned his B.S. degree at Rose-Hulman Institute of Technology. His family lives in Warren, Ohio, where Jim was an active member of Warren Central Christian. He is single and 26 years old. He enjoys reading, guitar, and sports.

Jim is a Presidential Scholar at CTS, and a very bright personable young man. We look forward to having him with us!

BOARD OF TRUSTEES: meets on Tuesday, November 14, 7:30 p.m.

JOYS & CONCERNS

Helen Foltz remains a patient at Lutheran Hospital.

Rolland & Genevieve Ripple will celebrate their 50th Wedding Anniversary on Saturday, November 18 at 2:00 p.m. in the church parlor. Congratulations!

THANK YOU

Thanks to Curt & Deb Miller and Becky Glasgow for chaperoning the Chi Rho lock-in last Friday night.

MEN'S BREAKFAST REPORT

Thanks to Charlie Hatten for preparing breakfast. 16 men enjoyed excellent fellowship! Our breakfasts are first Saturdays of each month and all men are welcome! Join us December 2, 8:00 a.m.



Pray for these...

REMEMBER IN PRAYER

IN THE HOSPITALS: Helen Foltz at Lutheran.

OUR SHUT-INS: Regency Place: Anita Fitch, Gladys, Hoop. Woodview: Arlynn Call. Brighton Hall: Gail Roe. Townhouse: Ruby Johns. Willow Ridge: Blanche Lehman. Byron Health Center: Esther Clipp, Roxy Wunderlich. Flinn Memorial: Pearl Heidecker. Lawton: Opal Perkins, Irene Wooldridge.

AT HOME: Cora Ann Harnish, Mary Higgins, Florence Huddleston, Irene Kissinger, Ruby Kolkman, Edythe Metcalf, Ruth Norton, Mary Piatt, Ralph Reynolds, Helen Sheerin, Fern Strole, Thelma Swift, and Ardith Wrisk.

QUESTIONS OF FAITH - a new adult study - 9:30 a.m. Sundays - third floor, Chuck Ewing, facilitator.

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PECANS FOR SALE

Pecans for holiday baking are available for \$5.00 a pound. Call the church office at 744-3239.

VISION BOOKLETS with plans for 1990 will be available in the Narthex starting this Sunday.

PLEASE NOTE

Please remember the work that the Disciples are doing through the Mission Ministries by giving to the Thanksgiving Offering on either November 19 or 26.

Thanks,

Nick Knappenberger

Outreach & Service Committee

Dear Friends in Christ,

How thrilling it is to offer an idea to a group of people and see such a positive response!

When the idea of asking for the congregations ideas about Stewardship to be written on the outlined "people" to be attached to the stewardship banner, we in the committee did not know what to expect.

The results are so positive, so insightful, so thoughtful, and inspired that we feel compelled to share them with everyone!

Here they are, see if you, too, can feel the Holy Spirit in these comments!

"Returning to God that which belongs to Him. Freely giving God his tithe in response to the love and care that He has given us, and those we love."

"Giving my Talents and gifts back to God, so that God can use them to bring about His/Her Living Kingdom in the here and now."

This author, a visitor, felt strongly enough and signed it!

"Stewardship to me means being a responsible camper, i.e. leaving the composite in better condition than I found it. Each of us has a relatively short term camping on God's earth. Let us each leave the earth in a little better condition than we found it.

George Perkins
Anchorage, Kentucky

"Helping God to reach all People."

"Service, love, sharing in God's teaching."

"Following Christ's leading."

"Stewardship means give so that all parts of the church should work together."

"Share lifes bounty. To have and be loved. Ever aware of God's Goodness. Sacrifice to God my selfish wants. Above all be grateful to Him. Dedicate to Gods Will. Help all who need it. Interest in the way of Faith. Planning ways to share Gods bounty with all."

"Sharing a portion of my gifts with God through Church and Community, including volunteer service. Support of others. Thank God for this wonderful opportunity."

"To me Christian Stewardship is the wise use of my time and abilities to further the work and projects of our Church. It also means sharing with others the material possessions and wealth I have been entrusted with."

"Healing - Working Together."

"Being available, when needed, to our Church and Community."

"Good management of the gifts and talents that God has given to me."

"Stewardship is a commitment made to our church for God. Money is not the only way to show stewardship, we can give our time and our talents by truly showing our love for our fellow man. We can share what God has blessed each of us with. Gifts to share with others - what better way could there be?"

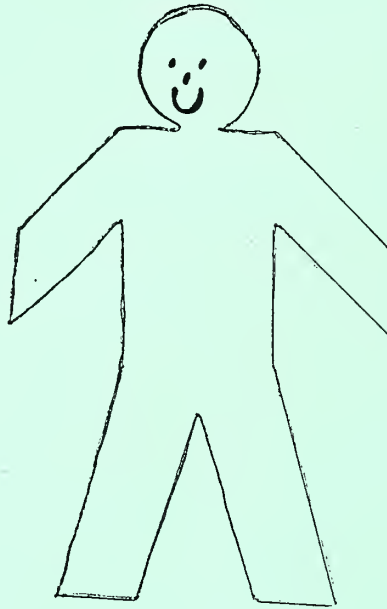
"Going out into the world and bringing the world into our church."

"Stewardship means - Good management of the gifts and talents that God has given me!"

"Being an example!" Helping, whenever needed! Calling on our shut-ins! Tithing!
Inviting all associated to First Christian."

The last ones are from children and the spirit was moving here as well. Three and four
year olds pasted pictures of what they could give to others on the figures.

"Going out into the World and telling people about Jesus."



"Can't you feel the love, the joy, the understanding of the Christian message?"

Yours in Christ,
The Stewardship Committee

FROM PARSON TO PERSON

Dear Friends,

Several things are on my mind today.

1. As you prepare for Commitment Sunday, please think in terms of increasing your pledge by 1% of your annual income. This way, we all grow toward the tithe (10% of our income for God and others). If you were giving to the Capital Campaign, which is now completed, consider adding what you were giving to it to your 1990 pledge. If we all do these things, we'll meet our goals!

2. Sunday afternoon was, indeed, a historic occasion, and I was personally moved. The Cathedral was absolutely filled with Catholics and Protestants celebrating our "one Lord, one faith, one baptism." It was great to have 24 of our members present!

3. Jim Grimshaw is joining us as our seminary intern (article front page). You will like this man! Thanks to those serving as Jim's Pastoral Relations Committee (PRC): Eunice Conrad, Donna McEvoy, Dick Mory, Rolland Ripple, Dan Ross, and Dick Vanderwall.

I'm looking forward to seeing everyone this Sunday! Once again the turkey of the Harvest Dinner will waft through the building. Yum!

See you then.

Love,

Dick

P.S. This Sunday it's "Hearts and Hands," based on Matthew 6:21. Wish Jane Walsh a happy 40th!

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THANKS FOR GIVING

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ATTENTION: The CWF is still collecting postage stamps, Campbell soup labels, and the Betty Crocker points. There is a box in fellowship hall on the counter. Thank you.

ATTENTION STUDENTS - Butler University has a significant scholarship for Disciple of Christ students. If you are looking toward college and are a church member, call Dick Hamm (744-3239) for more details.

THE SECRET PLACE for December, January, & February may be picked up at the church this Sunday.

SERVING NOVEMBER 12

ELDERS

8:15 A.M. Janet Weicker and
Dick Mory
10:45 A.M. Eileen Klepfer and
Gene Klepfer

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8:15 A.M. J. Young-SW, M. Snouffer-
NW, C. Ewing, K. Graham
10:45 A.M. J. Bushey-SW, J. Kelly-
NW, J. Lindsay-SE, B. Lindsay-NE, M.
Knudsen, D. Knudsen, C. Falbe, D.
Hamm

USHERS

8:15 A.M. E. Snouffer, D. Smith,
A. Thomas
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D. Kreischer, B. Glasgow

JUNIOR USHERS

Tracy Critell & Brandon Falbe

HOMEBOUND COMMUNION

J. Church - K. Spencer
S. Hayes - M. Quick
C. Miller - D. Miller
D. Vanderwall - D. Ross

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No Coffee Hour due to Harvest Dinner

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MONDAY, NOVEMBER 13

8:30 A.M. Staff Meeting
9:00 A.M. Mother's Morning Out

TUESDAY, NOVEMBER 14

11:30 A.M. Food Bank Luncheon
12:15 P.M. Rachel Circle
7:30 P.M. Board of Trustees

WEDNESDAY, NOVEMBER 15

5:00 P.M. Youth Bells
6:15 P.M. Chi Rho
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THURSDAY, NOVEMBER 16

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7:00 P.M. Chancel Choir

FRIDAY, NOVEMBER 17

7:00 P.M. Chi Rho dance

SATURDAY, NOVEMBER 18

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Party in the Parlor

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in 10:45 a.m. worship.

Recognize Food Bank workers in 10:45
a.m. worship.

BIRTHDAYS November 19-25

Muriel Baker (19)
Ressie Ehnesman (20)
Laura York (21)
Gill Hine (23)
Nellie Buchanan (24)
Marlene Crouse (25)
Joan Ott (25)
Charles Green (25)

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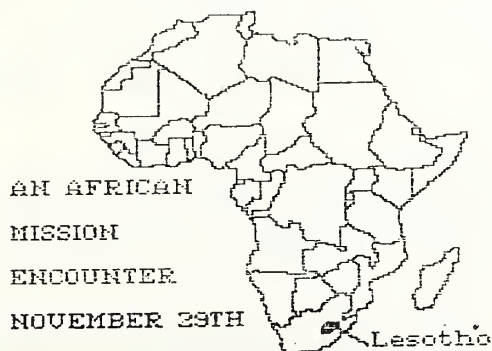
89.1 FM ON YOUR RADIO DIAL!

On November 20 and November 27 at 7:20 a.m. Dick and Helen respectively can be heard in interview with Dee McKinley in her weekly Wednesday morning Black Awareness program on WBNI, 89.1 fm. Dick's interview is about segregation in the churches, and Helen's is about the inclusion of all people in music ministry.

OUTREACH & SERVICE COMMITTEE meets Tuesday, November 21, 7:00 p.m.

BREAD FOR THE WORLD will meet on Tuesday, November 21, 6:00 p.m.

Outreach and Service Committee
and
CWF Present:



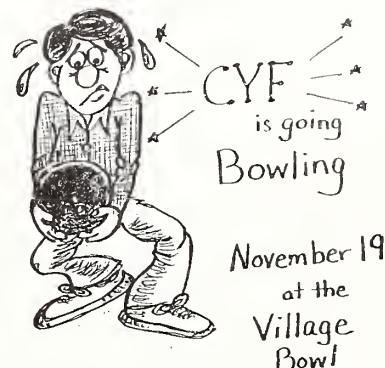
6:15pm - Dinner **RESERVATIONS REQUIRED BY MONDAY NOVEMBER 27**
\$3.00 adults - \$2.00 children

7:00pm - Presentation by Missionaries BOB and JANE WILLIAMS
Program will conclude at 8:00 pm

Child Care is available by reservation

CALL 744-3239

Reservations are not required to attend the program.
Please join us and learn more about our Mission Partners.



Meet at 2⁴⁵ at the Church
\$1.60/game - \$1 for shoes

JOYS & CONCERNS

Jackie Ohneck became Mrs. Jackie Camp in a service in Auburn last week. Congratulations Jackie!

Karen & Michael Fitch (son of Phyllis) are the proud new parents of twins, Katie Noel, and Hannah Elizabeth, born October 26. Because they were premature, they are still in the hospital, but they are doing well. So is grandma!

Cari Baker, Judy Mey's daughter, is a patient at Lutheran Hospital.

THANK YOU

Thank you for your thoughtfulness in preparing us the very tasty wonderful meal when we really needed it (between calling hours). It was much appreciated during our recent loss of our father.

The Family of Henry Flowers



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Outreach & Service Committee

AMONG OUR VISITORS IN WORSHIP - 11-12-89

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PARSON TO PERSON

Dear Friends,

What a wonderful day! Many thanks to the Fellowship Committee who fed over 200 revelers! Thanks to all who have pledged to date. We're on the road to victory! As soon as we here from the rest of our members, we'll give you a full report, but we're off to a great start with 150,000.00 pledged so far against a need of 190,000.00.

I was asked to share, via newsletter, some of the thoughts I shared in worship yesterday regarding what's going on in the world. Some of those thoughts follow.

As I watched and listened to the news this week, I can't tell you how often my eyes filled with tears! We have seen concrete dividing walls of hostility come tumbling down in Berlin.....families reunited after nearly 30 years! In the wake of the choir's visit to East Germany this summer, I have wished I could watch the news with you Helen! We have seen the ensuing pressure for reforms on the rest of the Eastern Block. We are seeing South Africa inching toward, but moving toward, reform. We see free elections being held in Namibia. The struggle in China will take longer than we might have hoped, but it will succeed in time.

I tell you, I'm excited to get up every morning and look at the paper to see what new thing has happened overnight! It is a time for caution, yes; but our caution ought not to stifle our sense that we are living in extraordinary days!....our sense that something powerful is sweeping over the earth.

What is going on in the world? Well, some people will explain it all in political and economic terms, others will credit modern information technology; and these are certainly are factors. But I'll tell you what the unifying force behind it all is: the Spirit of God. It is Pentecost time in Eastern Europe, it is Pentecost time in Southern Africa, it is Pentecost time in Asia and Central America. God's Spirit is sweeping over the world in a new and powerful way!

The Holy Spirit, the Spirit of Wholeness, is moving in extraordinary ways. And this same Spirit is seeking to move within us!

We get to thinking everything depends on us, and then we stop praying, because we think prayer is just a nice, quaint relic of the past but of no practical use or effect in the twentieth century. God help us to pray as Jesus prayed; in faith that God hears us and that our prayers have power even in a world that denies God's existence.

We do well to give thanks for the millions who have prayed for the end of East German captivity, for those who are praying for the end of apartheid, for the end of racism in the United States, for the end of war in Central America, for land reform in the Philippines, for peace with justice throughout the world. We do well to pray for those engaged in the struggle in China, and everywhere where the struggle to end oppression continues.

We do well to pray for that same power to overcome the oppressions we experience in our own lives.

Have a great week! See you Sunday!

Love, Dick

P.S. Sunday it will be "Joyful Living".

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SUNDAY SCHOOL HOSTESS
Carole Overmyer

ACOLYTES

Collin Miller & Brooke Spencer
LAY WORSHIP LEADERS

8:15 A.M. Delores Keebortz
10:45 A.M. Tom Walsh

ATTENTION: The mums that have
been in the sanctuary will be
sold after 2nd service on Sunday,
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TUESDAY, NOVEMBER 21

11:30 A.M. Rebecca Group
6:00 P.M. Bread For The World
7:00 P.M. Outreach & Service Committee
7:00 P.M. Sarah Group

WEDNESDAY, NOVEMBER 22

12:00 NOON Office closes for Thanksgiving

THURSDAY, NOVEMBER 23

Thanksgiving - Office Closed

FRIDAY, NOVEMBER 24

Office Closed

BIRTHDAYS November 26 - December 2

Mary Sue Ludwig (28)
Ken Perkins (28)
Opal Perkins (29) - 106th Birthday!
James Clawson (29)
Mary Piatt (29)
Bethel Breedlen (11)

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PARENT CHILD DEDICATION

Three families dedicated themselves Sunday.

Lori Bagley brought David Andrew, born July 7, '89. Bonnie & Russell Parks brought Christian Lee, born August 20, '89, Ron and Jackie Camp brought Dereck Anthony, born July 21, '89. Congratulations to you all!

THANKSGIVING OFFERING

Please give generously! Support the work of the Christian Church (Disciples of Christ) all over the world!

COMMITTEE MEETINGS (Except Outreach & Service and Evangelism) will meet on Tuesday, November 28, 7:15 p.m. All Committee chairs will meet at 7:00 p.m.

Outreach and Service Committee
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MORNING OUT

Every Monday

9:00am - noon

CHRISTMAS SHOPPING SPECIAL

non-members \$6

members \$3

call 744-3239

JOYS & CONCERNS

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Word comes from Huntsville that our friends, Becky, Jeremy, and Jim Stucky are O.K. after the tornadoes that swept through last week. The storm took out the area they first lived in when they moved there, but they are now a couple miles from the destruction. Close enough! Becky reports through her minister that a check came for relief efforts in Huntsville from Week of Compassion before the government or even the Red Cross! You were there!

Opal Perkins will be 106 on Wednesday, November 29!

THANK YOU

Many thanks to the following parents who chaperoned the Chi Rho dance last Friday evening: Sherry Lytle, Becky Glasgow, Tim Searle, Linda Cobb, Janet Smith, Becky and Andrew Babic. We had about 25 kids at the dance, and it was a great success!

Deb & Curt Miller



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C.W.F. will be making pecan pies on Wednesday, November 29, which will be for sale at the church after 12:00 noon of that day. Buy for use now or freeze for future use. First come, first served!

WEEK OF COMPASSION REPORTS

Details of damage resulting from the October 17 earthquake in northern California are being received. First Christian Church in Watsonville, CA suffered serious damage to its building. Its gym was being used for emergency food distribution until it was condemned. It may be beyond repair. 300 homes in Watsonville have been condemned. 100 more will be repaired. Garfield Park Christian Church in Santa Cruz suffered less serious damage. We have forwarded emergency funds to both congregations as well as to the emergency program of the Northern California Ecumenical Council. Additional grants will be made as recovery plans are completed. Your gifts to the Week of Compassion make this ministry possible.

Larry D. Tankersley
Week of Compassion

PARSON TO PERSON

Dear Friends,

Another Thanksgiving. This is one of my favorite holidays. It's a time for looking back over the year and counting our blessings, and I always find a multitude of blessings to count! It's also a time to reflect upon how I have been living my life. Have I been living as thankfully as I might, really enjoying those blessings? Or, have I been focusing on what I don't have? A real secret to joyful living is concentrating on what you do have, not what you don't have.

My family and I will be heading down to Fountain County for our annual Janeway reunion. 30-40 of us will gather for a sumptuous feast, great fellowship, and terrible heartburn! We line up for dinner by age, and it is disconcerting to see myself moving up in line! But it is also wonderful to see the new faces behind me.....many of which are being carried by their proud parents! As the show says, "life goes on!" It does indeed, and it's comforting to see it going on.

This year promises an unexpected pleasure. My mother and Aunt are planning on coming up from Florida for the reunion. This was totally unexpected, and I'm very happy about it. If it doesn't snow big-time, they'll be in worship with us Sunday.

However you'll be spending your Thanksgiving, I hope you'll be focusing on your blessings!

See you Sunday!

Love, Dick

P.S. Sunday I'll be preaching about "Sabbath." Based on Exodus 20:8-11.

GERIATRIC ASSESSMENT PROGRAM

St. Joseph Hospital has announced a program that helps families who face hard questions regarding aging parents: Questions like: How can we help Mom and/or Dad cope? Where do we look for help? What are options if more help is needed? How much will services cost? Why am I feeling as I do? Also, assessments of the situation (medication, diet, exercise, daily care routines, etc.) are available. Nurses and social workers are there to help. For more information, call 425-3159.

DETAILS FOR DINNER - NOVEMBER 29

6:15 pm - Dinner RESERVATIONS REQUIRED BY MONDAY NOVEMBER 27

\$3.00 adults - \$2.00 children

7:00 pm - Presentation by Missionaries BOB and JANE WILLIAMS

Program will conclude at 8:00 pm

Child Care is available by reservation

CALL 744-3239

Reservations are not required to attend the program.

Please join us and learn more about our Mission Partners.



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ELDERS

8:15 A.M. Ralph Church and
Delores Keebortz
10:45 A.M. Rolland Ripple and
Curt Miller

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NW, S. Smith, D. Harter
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Brey-SE, M. Quick-NE, C. Hatten, E.
Yeoman, S. Zimmerman, J. Byers

USHERS

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9:30 A.M. Church School
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Who Needs Organized Religion?

10:45 A.M. Second Worship

MONDAY, NOVEMBER 27

8:30 A.M. Staff Meeting
9:00 A.M. Mother's Morning Out
6:30 P.M. Lafayette Place Assoc. in Fellow-
ship Hall

TUESDAY, NOVEMBER 28

10:00 A.M. D.M.A. to Michigan Space Center
7:00 P.M. Committee Chairs Meeting
7:15 P.M. Committees Meet (except Evangelism
and Outreach & Service)

WEDNESDAY, NOVEMBER 29

5:00 P.M. Youth Bells
6:15 P.M. Fellowship Dinner sponsored by
Outreach & Service & CWF
7:00 P.M. Presentation by Missionaries Bob
& Jane Williams
7:00 P.M. Creative Arts in Worship,
Grades 1-5

THURSDAY, NOVEMBER 30

5:30 P.M. Carillon
6:30 P.M. Brownies in Fellowship Hall
7:00 P.M. Chancel Choir

FRIDAY, NOVEMBER 1

8:00 A.M. Christian Men's Fellowship

BIRTHDAYS December 3 - 9

Donna Wingen (4)
Heva Mennewisch (5)
Mary Fangen (6)
Ethel Richhart (6)
Mildred Annuza (6)
Brenda Pwoegler (7)
Sue Kenley (7)
Clifton Bowman (9)
Wayne Johnson (9)

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ADVENT CALENDAR

Advent 1

December 3

Theme: Expecting Surprises

Special Music: Lenelle Ross and the Chancel Choir

9:30 a.m. Advent Adventures for children in Fellowship Hall

Senior High Forum Topic: "One God - 100 Denominations"

12:00 noon Lunch and Hanging of the Greens

5:00 - 8:00 p.m. Chancel Choir practice with supper

Creative Arts makes gingerbread houses!

10:30 - 1:00 p.m.

December 9

Advent 2

Theme: Realizing What Matters

December 10

Special Music: The Carillon and the Chancel Choir

Senior High Forum Topic: "Revolutionary Theology and the Third World"

Advent 3

December 17

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Christmas Reception

Advent 4

December 24

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JOYS & CONCERNS

Scott and Ehren Wright (formerly Ehren Jackson) became husband and wife Saturday here at First Christian Church. Congratulations!

Jeff and Cindy Bates became husband and wife, Friday, November 24, in Indianapolis. Congratulations!

Jane Fisher is a patient at St. Joseph Hospital.

Everett Ehreshman is also at St. Joseph.

Cari Baker (daughter of Judy Mey) is at Lutheran Hospital.

Tige Hensch, grandson of Gini Brown, underwent successful throat surgery at Lutheran last week.

Helen Foltz has been moved from Lutheran Hospital to the Anthony Wayne Living Center, 2626 Fairfield, Room 310.

Shirley (Callahan) Harman and her husband Eric, are the proud new parents of Phillip Spencer Harman, born November 20. Shirley now lives in Huntington, IN.

Jeanetta Lahmeyer died last Thursday. Services were Monday here in Fort Wayne. She will be missed.

Roxy Wunderlich also died last Thursday. Services were Monday at First Christian. Our prayers are with the family.

Virginia Bruckman's mother died last week, after a long illness.

Mary Cook will be moving to Ohio to be near her son this week. Her new address is: 28550 Westlake Village Drive, Apt. 223, Westlake, OH 44145.

Lorea Kuhlman will be moving to Robin Run Village, 5354 W. 62nd St., Apt. 223, Indianapolis, IN 46268 on December 1.

YOU'RE INVITED

Amy Hayer, daughter of Sam and Barb, will wed Jim Jenkins this Saturday, December 2, 5:30 p.m., at First Christian. The congregation is cordially invited.

THANKS TO THE CONGREGATION

Thank you for your generosity in the giving for the Thanksgiving Offering. As of November 19, the total offering was \$543.00.



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MEN'S FELLOWSHIP THIS SATURDAY - DECEMBER 2

We will join together (all men) at 8:00 a.m. for breakfast, fellowship, and some enlightening study. All men are welcome!

PARSON TO PERSON

Dear Friends,

I do hope you had a fine Thanksgiving. My family certainly did!

This year, we have a very unusual and happy occurrence. That is, instead of the first Sunday of Advent coming immediately after Thanksgiving, we have an extra week in between. I appreciate this, because it gives us a little time to catch our breath before jumping right into Christmas! At any rate, the first Sunday of Advent is here, and I hope you'll be helping to hang the greens (I never could figure out what heinous crime the Greens must have committed that we want to hang them every year!....a little Advent humor there....very little).

The past couple of weeks have been heavy in the pastoral care department. At one time we had eight people in three different hospitals. We also lost two dear members in the deaths of Jeanetta and Roxy. The congregation and staff have been there for people though, because we are first and foremost a congregation that cares about people. Evelyn Yeoman and her funeral dinner committee (co-chaired by Ginny Brown) served 80 Monday! The care expressed has been heartfelt and genuine.

The feedback from the Sunday service has all been very positive so far. If you were present and would like to express your opinion, give me a call or drop me a line. I would really like to hear from you. If you weren't able to be present Sunday, you missed something!

I hope you have a blessed week and that you will be especially aware of God's Spirit present with you as you go about your daily life.

See you Sunday!

Love,
Dick

(Continued from Page 1) - ADVENT NOTES

POINSETTIAS

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HANGING OF THE GREENS

On Sunday, December 3, we will "hang the greens" throughout the building for all to enjoy in preparation for Christmas. The Worship Committee needs many helping hands for this happy activity and requests the presence and energy of all ages! All "decorators" are invited to a simple lunch following the second service, and then the work will begin. An offering to cover the cost of the lunch will be received. The more, the merrier, and the shorter the time it will take, so we invite all who wish to join the Committee making our church beautiful!

D.M.A.

Wednesday, December 20, D.M.A. will have dinner at Hall's Gas House at 5:00 p.m. with a light tour on the trolley from 6:30 - 8:30 p.m.

SERVING DECEMBER 3

ELDERS

8:15 A.M. Judy Church and
Dwain Graham
10:45 A.M. Marvin Crouse and
Eunice Conrad
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wisch-NW, J. Young, M. Snouffer
10:45 A.M. B. Kerley-SW, S. Kerley-
NW, D. Oden-SE, S. Oden-NE, M.
Mullen, J. Franklin, D. Ross, T.
Davis

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4:30 P.M. CYF
5:00 P.M. Chancel Choir Practice
MONDAY, DECEMBER 4
9:00 A.M. Mother's Morning Out
9:30 A.M. Monday Morning Study Group
7:30 P.M. Area I New Church Committee
WEDNESDAY, DECEMBER 6
5:00 P.M. Youth Bells
6:15 P.M. Chi Rho
6:30 P.M. Creative Arts in Worship,
Grades 1-5
THURSDAY, DECEMBER 7
10:30 A.M. Naomi Group at Dorothy Overmyer's,
721 W. Oakdale Drive for a potluck
5:30 P.M. Carillon
6:30 P.M. Brownies in Fellowship Hall
7:00 P.M. Chancel Choir
SATURDAY, DECEMBER 9
9:00 A.M. Lafayette Place Assoc.
10:30 A.M. Creative Arts Christmas Party

BIRTHDAYS December 10-16

Bill Franklin (10)
Rosemary Day (10)
Lenelle Ross (11)
Roland Ripple (11)
Sara Davis (12)
Dan Mory (13)
Debra Stam (16)

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Jane Fisher is recovering from surgery at St. Joseph Hospital.

Ed Day died last week after a long illness. Our prayers go up for Rosemary and the family.

Jim Jenkins and Amy Hayer became husband and wife Saturday evening at FCC. Congratulations! They are living at 3705 Sleepy Hollow Lane, Apt. 5 46804.

THANKS TO THE CONGREGATION

Thank you for your generosity in the giving for the Thanksgiving Offering. As of November 26, the total offering was \$734.00.

THANK YOU

All of the "hangers of the greens" and members of the Chancel Choir are grateful to Erna Vanderwall for making the delicious vegetable soup for lunch and supper yesterday. Many thanks also to Nancy Harman and Margaret Champion for helping, and others who brought brownies and good things! Thank you all!



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December 10 and 17 - What questions have been raised by the video series? Concluding discussions for Questions of Faith I. Questions of Faith II will begin January 7, 1990.

ATTENTION DIACONATE

I will soon be making the diaconate serving schedule for January - June, 1990. If you know of Sundays you will be unable to serve, please let me know by December 13.

Mindy

PROPERTY COMMITTEE will meet Saturday, December 16, at 1:00 p.m. to work on the ceiling in the Education building.

WANTED: A VCR for Sunday School. If you have one to donate, please call the office at 744-3239.

INTERESTED IN FIRST CHRISTIAN?

If you have been visiting First, or recently joined, and have questions about our history and our belief; or if you would just like to get to know the ministers and some members better; join us for a Fireside Meeting on Wednesday, December 13, 7:00 - 8:30 p.m. in the parlor. Please RSVP by calling 744-3239.

COMING ATTRACTIONS: Mark your calendar now for 2 seminars coming in January. January 13 and 20 - Dealing With Grief. January 17, 24, 31, February 7 - Women's Reality.

FROM PARSON TO PERSON

Dear Friends,

I was interviewed last week by the consultants who are helping the Ft. Wayne Community Schools find a new superintendent. They asked me to describe Ft. Wayne as I would to a potential candidate. Interesting challenge.

I responded by mentioning the fine arts programs we have here, the parks, and many of the things that make this such a fine place to live. On a more philosophical note, I said that Ft. Wayne is basically a conservative town, but one that responds well to positive leadership. In the absence of positive leadership, the nay-sayers, dissidents, and "crazies" come out and strangle our progress.

Isn't this the truth about the whole human family today? We need positive, visionary leadership. The scripture says, "apart from a vision, the people perish." Well, at least they become negative, back-biting, and turned in on themselves.

Countries need positive leadership. Businesses need positive leadership. School districts need positive leadership. Families need positive leadership. And, yes, churches need positive leadership.

We are all leading all the time; the question is "where are we leading?" Are we seeking to emphasize the good and the positive? Or are we looking for the bad and the negative? Whichever direction we are leading, we arrive there first!

We are not called to ignore the negative, of course. But there is so much to celebrate and to lift up that is positive! Focus on the positive, and you'll lead yourself and others to a brighter life and a greater sense of personal power.

See you Sunday.

Love,

Dick

P.S. This Sunday it will be "Realizing What Matters."

CHRISTMAS CAROL SERVICE - ORGAN DEDICATION

December 17 will be a special day in the life of this congregation for it will include in the afternoon at 5:00 p.m. the annual musical service in celebration of the birth of Christ, and the dedication of our newly renovated organ to the glory of God in memory of Gregory B. Allen, 1951-1988. A reception will follow the service in Fellowship Hall. Child care will be available and the service is free.

For weeks now, the choirs have been working on a program of carols from around the world, some beloved in our country and some beloved in other countries, but all of them expressive of the deep love of God through the gift of Jesus, and the tenderness with which he came to live among us. Our singers and ringers will have a part, as will guests Mary Beth Gnagy and Phil Zimmerman.

Greg, son of Sue and Ed Allen, long time members of this church living now in Wichita, was a participant in several of the fine arts of the church. It was he who made our Easter banners and designed the matching choir stoles. When he died, he requested that any memorials be given for the organ which he knew was desperately needed in order not only to support congregational singing, but also the work of the choirs. It is our joy to present the organ to God in memory of Greg. Members of his family will be here, and we look forward to welcoming them back "home."

Please bring family and friends to enjoy this lovely candlelight and carol service presented by the choirs.

The Worship Committee requests that you bring your favorite Christmas Party food - dessert or appetizer - for the Reception to follow the service. That's the only admission fee! Thank you very much.

COMING AT VALENTINE'S DAY

The Worship Committee, wishing to celebrate marriage and the home, is planning a wedding ceremony for the Renewal of Vows for any couple who wishes to participate, on February 17. A reception will follow. Details later, but mark your calendar!

SERVING DECEMBER 10

ELDERS

8:15 A.M. Sam Hayes and
Dick Mory
10:45 A.M. John Ohneck and
Kris Ohneck

DIACONATE & GREETERS

8:15 A.M. C. Ewing-SW, C. Long-
NW, N. Knappenberger, P. Tobias
10:45 A.M. M. Knudsen-SW, D. Knud-
sen-NW, M. Hamm-SE, C. Falbe-NE, D.
Kreischer, D. Rinker, J. Kelly, D.
Hamm

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John Morris (20)
Diana Blomeke (20)
Tammy Ott (20)
Dick Hamm (21)

CHURCH CALENDAR

SATURDAY, DECEMBER 9

9:00 A.M. Finance Committee
9:00 A.M. Lafayette Place Assoc.
10:30 A.M. Creative Arts Christmas Party

SUNDAY, DECEMBER 10

8:15 A.M. First Worship
9:30 A.M. Questions of Faith - Adult Study
9:30 A.M. Church School
10:45 A.M. Second Worship

MONDAY, DECEMBER 11

9:00 A.M. Mother's Morning Out

TUESDAY, DECEMBER 12

11:30 A.M. Rebecca Circle
12:15 P.M. Rachel Circle
7:30 P.M. Board of Trustees

WEDNESDAY, DECEMBER 13

5:00 P.M. Youth Bells
6:15 P.M. Chi Rho
6:30 P.M. Creative Arts in Worship,
Grades 1-5

7:00 P.M. Fireside Meeting in Parlor

THURSDAY, DECEMBER 14

5:30 P.M. Carillon
6:30 P.M. Brownies in Fellowship Hall
7:00 P.M. Chancel Choir

SATURDAY, DECEMBER 16

1:00 P.M. Property Committee working on
ceiling

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ADVENT CALENDAR

Advent 3

December 17

Theme: Reaching Out

Special Music: The Jubilations and the Chancel Choir

Senior High Forum Topic: "Myths of Christmas"

4:45 p.m. - Prelude

5:00 p.m. Christmas Carol Service - Dedication of the Organ
to the glory of God in memory of Greg Allen
Christmas Reception

Advent 4

December 24

One Service at 10:00 a.m.

No Sunday School

Theme: Receiving the Promise

Special Music: Creative Arts in Worship and the Chancel Choir

7:00 p.m. Family Christmas Eve Service

11:00 p.m. Candlelight Christmas Eve Service

Christmastide

December 31

One Service at 10:00 a.m.

No Sunday School

Theme: Beginning Again

CHRISTMAS CAROL SERVICE - ORGAN DEDICATION - THIS SUNDAY

December 17 will be a special day in the life of this congregation for it will include in the afternoon at 5:00 p.m. the annual musical service in celebration of the birth of Christ, and the dedication of our newly renovated organ to the glory of God in memory of Gregory B. Allen, 1951-1988. Please come at 4:45 p.m. to hear a beautiful prelude of Christmas music. A reception will follow the service in Fellowship Hall. Child care will be available.

For weeks now, the choirs have been working on a program of carols from around the world, some beloved in our country and some beloved in other countries, but all of them expressive of the deep love of God through the gift of Jesus, and the tenderness with which he came to live among us. Our singers and ringers will have a part, as will guests Mary Beth Gnagy and Phil Zimmerman.

Greg, son of Sue and Ed Allen, long time members of this church living now in Wichita, was a participant in several of the fine arts of the church. It was he who made our Easter banners and designed the matching choir stoles. When he died, he requested that any memorials be given for the organ which he knew was desperately needed in order not only to support congregational singing, but also the work of the choirs. It is our joy to present the organ to God in memory of Greg. Members of his family will be here, and we look forward to welcoming them back "home."

Please bring family and friends to enjoy this lovely candlelight and carol service presented by the choirs, beginning with the Prelude at 4:45 p.m.

The Worship Committee requests that you bring your favorite Christmas Party food - dessert or appetizer - for the Reception to follow the service. That's the only admission fee! Thank you very much.

JOYS & CONCERNS

Jane Fisher remains a patient at St. Joseph Hospital.
Earl Snouffer is in Lutheran Hospital.



Pray for these...

REMEMBER IN PRAYER

IN THE HOSPITALS: Jane Fisher at St. Joseph.
Earl Snouffer at Lutheran.

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QUESTIONS OF FAITH - a new adult study - 9:30 a.m. Sundays - third floor, Chuck Ewing, facilitator.

December 17 - What questions have been raised by the video series? Concluding discussion for Questions of Faith I. Questions of Faith II will begin January 7, 1990, and centers on questions about Jesus, the Bible, truth, and faith.

ATTENTION DIACONATE & ELDERS

We will soon be making the diaconate & elder serving schedule for January-June, 1990. If you know of Sundays you will be unable to serve, please let us know by December 13.

Mindy & Judy

WANTED: A VCR for Sunday School. If you have one to donate, please call the office at 744-3239.

Last Saturday, 8 of our middle school kids volunteered to work at the Christmas Bureau for 4 hours. Kids dragged themselves (with help I'm sure) out of bed and to the church in the early morning to help others. We're very proud of these kids. It was a real dose of reality for them to see that the people "shopping" at the Christmas Bureau were taking home other people's cast-offs as gifts for their families. It was a shock to see that these people are not going out to shop at Ayres or even Target but in an old grocery store turned into a warehouse of hand-me-downs. The trip opened up discussion as well as questions like "How do people get this poor?" and "How would it feel to open up a Christmas gift of some strangers' hand-me-downs? Not even your family's hand-me-downs but a stranger's!"

The Christmas Bureau is out there helping the poor of Allen County. We felt proud and happy to have been a part of their work. "Truly I say to you. Anything you did for one of your brothers or sisters, you did for me."

Merry Christmas kids!! A job well done!!

Curt and Deb Miller

COME AND WORSHIP

On Christmas Eve at 7:00 p.m. there will be a family service celebrating the birthday of Christ with a visit from St. Nicholas and closing with the traditional candlelighting.

At 11:00 p.m. there will be the beautiful service of Nine Lessons and Carols, Communion, and candlelighting.

Child care will be available for both services. An offering will be received for Basic Mission Finance.

VINCENT HOUSE OPENING CELEBRATION

The newly established Vincent House, which provides transitional housing for homeless families in Ft. Wayne, will open Monday, December 18. Dedication will be at 2:30 p.m., open house from 3:00-6:00 p.m. It is located at 2827 Holton Ave. All are invited.

FROM PARSON TO PERSON

Dear Friends,

I'm really looking forward to the next couple of weeks. The Sunday morning services offer lots of excitement, the Carol Service and organ dedication service will be lovely this Sunday, the choirs, the pageantry; it's all so beautiful! I hope you can witness it all with me.

Have you marked time for prayer and meditation, family togetherness and just "being" on your calendar? I hope so. We live by the calendar or we die by the calendar! We control it, or it controls us.

Sorry the sanctuary was so cold Sunday first service. Somehow, the blower was never turned on! We remedied that in second service and we'll have it nice and toasty at 8:15 this Sunday!

I have withdrawn from the trip to Honduras. Originally, I had hoped to take six or more from our congregation, but only three are going (Dr. Bill & Sue Kerley, and Barbara Livingstone). They will take along much from our congregation: tools, seeds, money, prayers. The work camp is well organized (by Regional Associated Minister Chuck Babcock), so my presence will not be needed there. Speaking of seeds, Mary Wilhelm got nearly \$60.00 worth of seeds for \$10.00 from the Plantation, when she explained they were going to Honduras. Anybody else want to try that? -- there's lots of seed stores in town!

See you Sunday.

Love,

Dick

P.S. Sunday it's "Reaching Out." Whom will you invite?

P.S.S. Every penny of what we give to the special Christmas offering (envelope enclosed) goes to Basic Mission Finance to undergird the work of the Church all over the world. In the past, we have raised several hundred dollars for this offering, but this year I hope we will raise several thousand. Let's each make a truly sacrificial gift to make certain that the work and ministry of the Prince of Peace continues everywhere!

ADVENT NOTES

Each Sunday we will be visited by St. Nicholas for the Children's Time in worship. He will put into perspective the myths which have grown up around his character and how the original message he brought has been substantially changed.

MITTEN TREE

All during Advent Christian Education will be sponsoring a mitten/hat tree to benefit the Ft. Wayne Community Schools Clothing Bank AND an alternative giving tree to benefit the Honduras Work Camp project. You will have the opportunity to donate tools, seeds, and building supplies in the name of those on your holiday gift list who have everything.

D.M.A.

Our December outing to Hall's Gas House and the Christmas Trolley ride are "full-up" for Wednesday, December 20. Thanks for the response!

Watch for details of our January meeting!

CHRISTMAS CARD GREETINGS

Send your Christmas greetings to our church family with one card addressed to the church. They will be placed on two attractive banners located in the Narthex, and relayed to everyone in the Tidings. The money you save on cards and postage by not mailing to all your church friends will be sent to Basic Mission Finance. Sign one card, include your donation (if check make payable to First Christian Church) and send or bring it to the church office. This is our "special over and above love gift" to Basic Mission Finance.

SERVING DECEMBER 17

EIDERS

8:15 A.M. Janet Weicker and Jack Weicker
10:45 A.M. Rolland Ripple and Bill Franklin

DIACONATE & GREETERS

8:15 A.M. S. Smith-SW, K. Graham-NW, N. Mennewisch, D. Harter
10:45 A.M. E. Yeoman-NW, J. Bushey-SE, S. Kerley-NE, B. Kerley, L. Stover, M. Quick, J. Hatten

USHERS

8:15 A.M. E. Snouffer, D. Smith, M. Thomas
10:45 A.M. C. McGrew, B. Haines, W. Bowen, B. Glasgow

JUNIOR USHERS

Lindsay Miller & Becky Krull
COMMUNION PREPARATION
C. Ewing, J. Franklin, M. Hamm
COFFEE HOUR HOSTS

Chi Rho

EXTENDED SESSION LEADERS
Deb Rinker & Sue Brey
SUNDAY SCHOOL HOSTESS
Lindsay Miller

ACOLYTES

Josie Quick & Dustin McEvoy
LAY WORSHIP LEADERS
8:15 A.M. Alison Knappenberger
10:45 A.M. Marlo Quick

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1:00 P.M. Property Committee working on ceiling

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9:30 A.M. Questions of Faith - Adult Study
9:30 A.M. Church School
10:45 A.M. Second Worship
4:30 P.M. CVF
5:00 P.M. Carol Service & Christmas Reception

MONDAY, DECEMBER 18

8:30 A.M. Staff Meeting
9:00 A.M. Mother's Morning Out
9:30 A.M. Monday Morning Study Group

TUESDAY, DECEMBER 19

7:00 P.M. Sarah Circle at Mindy Hamm's, 1031 W. Sherwood Terrace
WEDNESDAY, DECEMBER 19
5:00 P.M. DMA Dinner at Gas House and Trolley Ride

7:15 P.M. Carillon at Performing Arts Center

THURSDAY, DECEMBER 21

6:30 P.M. Brownies in Fellowship Hall
7:00 P.M. Choir Party at Back Forty

BIRTHDAYS December 24-30

Richard Thompson (24)
Bill Crouse (24)
Michael O'Laughlin (24)
Elizabeth Dull (26)
Carolyn Falbe (26)
Michele Reeves (27)
Marsha Busse (27)
Sarah Smith (28)
Toni Fny (28)
Celentia Walters (29)
Lucille Brannatton (29)

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WELCOME NEW MEMBERS

Becky Babic and her daughter Annessa united with us by transfer of membership Sunday! We're delighted to have them join us. They live at 1822 Fox Point Trail 46816; phone - 447-3406. Welcome!

QUESTIONS OF FAITH II an adult study series built around a set of six videos will start January 7. Each week's session is different so come for one or come for all. Chuck Ewing is the facilitator and the class meets on the third floor.

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JOYS & CONCERNS

Esther Clipp, long time member of First, died last week. Her funeral was Saturday, Dr. Hamm presiding. Our prayers are for her family, friends, and dear neighbors, the Shoaffs.

We know of no members presently in the hospital!

SPECIAL INVITATION

Dear Friends at First Christian Church,

The worship department and congregation of North Christian Church cordially invite you to a special Epiphany Vesper Service on Sunday evening, January 7th, at 7:00 p.m. This forty minute service will feature Nancy Morse as harpist. The Wisemen's journey will come to an end as the Christ of God is manifested to the gentiles.

As we worship together, members of First Christian Church may well recognize one of the Magi from the east. We think that all will find this evening an opportunity to quietly reflect on God's generous gift to us in Jesus. Please join us!



Pray for these...

REMEMBER IN PRAYER

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WANTED: A VCR for Sunday School. If you have one to donate, please call the office at 744-3239.

POINSETTIA DONATIONS:

Helen Donnell in celebration of her grandson, Michael;
Alice Nulf in memory of Mr. & Mrs. Leon White;
Virginia Parker-Reimer in memory of Vada Tatman;
Virginia Parker-Reimer in memory of Gene D. Parker;
Mullen Family in memory of Roy & Evelyn Bridgewater;
Grant & Jessie Fern Woodward in memory of their daughter, Linda Kirtley;
Grant & Jessie Fern Woodward in memory of Jeanne Feltenberger;
Bob & Ruth Ogles in memory of Bill & Mamie Caldwell;
Ralph Richard and Family in memory of Doris Richard;
Bill & Joan Franklin in memory of Mr. & Mrs. Floyd Truitt;
Jackie Keller - gift;
Rose Ann Gaskill in memory of John Gaskill;
Kate Cullen in memory of John Cullen;
Kate Cullen - gift;
Mary Wilhelm in memory of Pete & Jolene;
Jerry & Sandy Zimmerman in memory of their fathers, Merl Cordier & Earl Zimmerman;
Gail Westerfield in honor of her parents, Wes & Mimi Westerfield;
Ralph & Judy Church in memory of Iva Imbody;
Harriett Cole in memory of Romane Cole;
Harriett Cole - gift;
Ruby Mowery and Mr. & Mrs. Allen Creager and Family in memory of Arthur Mowery;
Bruce, Terry, Carl, and Mark Lehman in memory of their mother, Marge Lehman;
Gene & Eileen Klepfer in memory of Woody & Ida Klepfer and Walter & Mildred Tharp;
Feeley Family in memory of Nedra's father, Eugene Hoy;
Charles & Ardith Wrisk in memory of their parents, Mr. & Mrs. James O'Laughlin and Mr. & Mrs. John Wrisk;
Lou & Malcolm Simmons - gift;
John & Jo Weyer in memory of their parents.

THE FOLLOWING INFORMATION WAS SHARED WITH THE CONGREGATION ON SUNDAY, DECEMBER 10 & 17, AND APPEARS HERE SO THAT ALL MAY BE INFORMED. The Finance Committee

First, in regards to our budget in 1989. All year long you have been watching the budget numbers in the Sunday bulletins, seeing the difference between what we have been giving weekly and what we have been needing weekly, and you have wondered, "if we are so far behind, why haven't we heard about it?" Well, there are good reasons why not much has been said about it (such as waiting for Memorial Trust information and determining how we were going to come out on the Capital Campaign), but the time has come.

We have struggled all year long to meet our budget. As those numbers in the weekly bulletins have suggested, we are behind. We have been as conservative as possible in our expenditures, but we still have a \$20,000 deficit. The good news is that we are meeting our local obligations and expenses. The bad news is that we have not met our outreach obligations.

Therefore, we are laying a special challenge before you. We are asking each of us to "reach way down" to make a special effort for the annual Christmas offering, which is, and must be, over and above our regular giving. Every bit of this special offering will be used for mission work beyond our doors. We usually come up with a thousand dollars or so for this offering, but we are hoping to see several thousands of dollars in those special offering envelopes this year. This will help us meet our outreach obligations for 1989. The Christmas offering envelopes were distributed through Tidings last week. There are also some in the pews.

Then, there is a second piece of information. Our response to the 1990 Stewardship Campaign has been very fine, but it now appears that we are going to fall short of our 1990 projected budget. Depending on a few pledges still to come in, we will probably be about \$20,000 short.

The Finance Committee pledges to you that we will not adopt a deficit budget in 1990! Either we will receive the pledges necessary to fund it, or we will cut the budget! We do not want to have to ever come before you again to speak of a deficit.

God has given us a great Vision for 1990. But we are about \$20,000 short of funding it. The decision is ours, really. Either we will fund it, or the Finance Committee will cut back on the Vision. If we do cut back on it, the cuts will be made in local spending as well as in outreach. It would be easy to take the money away from those people who serve Christ in our name around the world, because most of those people are nameless and faceless to most of us. But we must not simply ask the Bob and Jane Williams's of our Church to "take the hit" for us. We must share the burden here in this congregation as well.

-over please-

The Finance Committee wants the congregation to have the opportunity to reconsider its commitment. If everyone raised their pledge for 1990 by 15%, we could meet the whole Vision. Not all of us can do this. Some of us took the Stewardship Campaign's challenge so seriously that we are doing all we can. But some of us could rise to a higher challenge yet. If you can, we hope you will.

A letter with a second mile pledge card will come to you in early January. If you can do something more, please do. If you can't, please don't. Pray about it and do whatever you feel you need to do and feel good about it.

Whatever we do, the Finance Committee is committed to our living within our means in 1990.....one way or the other.

Thank you for your support of First Christian Church and all the ministries of the Christian Church (Disciples of Christ) around the world.

FROM PARSON TO PERSON

Dear Friends,

As I have said from the pulpit the last two Sundays, I hope this year's over-and-above Christmas offering is several thousand dollars rather than several hundred (as is usually the case). This will help us reach our goals for outreach this year. Our dollars do so much through Basic Mission Finance and the local causes we support.

Isn't it great to have such wonderful music and choirs for the holidays? My thanks to all you players, ringers, and singers. We are truly blessed!

As the 1980's wind up, we can certainly see God's hand in the world. God continues to struggle for peace with justice everywhere. God continues to seek reconciliation within people, between people, and between people and God. God loves us and is with us.....this is the message of Christmas. We are not alone. We are loved.

May this Christmas faith guide your life in the decade ahead.

See you Sunday.

Love,

Dick

P.S. Sunday its "Receiving the Promises of God". Remember, one service at 10:00 a.m., the evening services at 7:00 and 11:00 p.m.

TIDINGS NOTE

Because of the Holidays, we will publish one Tidings during the next two weeks. Deadline for articles is Tuesday, December 26, 9:00 a.m.

CHRISTMAS GREETINGS TO OUR CONGREGATION:

Fred & Rychie Smell; Mary Wilhelm; Grant & Jessie Fern Woodward; Fern Strole; The Taylor's, Ben, Val, & Larry; Hendricks & Mary Love; Jerry, Sandy, & Mark Zimmerman; Judy & Ralph Church; Bobbie & Jack Lindsay; Neva & Jim Mennewisch; Harold & Ruby Cline; Grace & Mabel; Carole Overmyer; Don & Valetta Parlette; John & Kris Ohneck, Rob, Denay, & Tracy; Andy Cook, and Dick & Judy Mey.

CHOIR SCHEDULE

The Carillon: 5:30 p.m. Thursday December 21 and 10:15 p.m. December 24.

The Chancel Choir: 9:30 a.m. December 24 and 10:30 p.m. December 24.

These choirs will not meet again until January 4.

Creative Arts in Worship: 9:15 a.m. Sunday, December 24. Creative Arts will not meet again until January 10.

Jubilations will not meet again until January 10.

Many thanks to each of you for the beautiful music of Christmas. We are blessed to have your talents among us!



For Unto Us a Child is born, a Son is given

SERVING DECEMBER 24

ELDERS

10:00 A.M. Donald Kampenga and
Dick Vanderwall

DIACONATE & GREETERS

10:00 A.M. M. Mullen-SW, D.
Rinker-NW, D. Mey-SE, J. Mey-NE,
S. Zimmerman, J. McGrew, L.
Brey, J. Byers

USHERS

10:00 A.M. C. McGrew, B. Haines,
E. Nordblom, G. Vanderwall

JUNIOR USHERS

Laura Hamm & Sara Glasgow

COMMUNION PREPARATION

Lindsays & Mennewisch

HOMEBOUND COMMUNION

D. Mory - C. Hatten
D. Graham - K. Graham
D. Vanderwall - E. Yeoman
J. Church - J. Kelly

COFFEE HOUR HOSTS

Donald & Connie Kampenga
NO EXTENDED SESSION

ACOLYTES

D.J. Rinker & Nolan Melchi
LAY WORSHIP LEADER

10:00 A.M. Janet Weicker

CHURCH CALENDAR

SUNDAY, DECEMBER 24

10:00 A.M. One Worship Service
7:00 P.M. Family Christmas Eve Service
11:00 P.M. Candlelight Christmas Eve Service

MONDAY, DECEMBER 25

Office Closed

SUNDAY, DECEMBER 31

10:00 A.M. One Worship Service

BIRTHDAYS January 1-7

Salem Phonsooupha (1)
Carole Davis (1)
Linda Hayes (2)
Scott Johnson (3)
Andith Whisk (4)
Velma Hechler (4)
Tracy Crittall (5)
Eva Rousseau (6)
Milas Driver (6)
Suzanne Murray (6)
Sara Mullen (6)
Kenneth Taylor (7)

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No Sunday School

Theme: Beginning Again

WELCOME NEW MEMBER

Eric Rieke transferred his membership from Auburn Presbyterian Sunday! Eric lives with his wife, Marilyn, (the former Marilyn Klepfer) at 10830 Oaktree Road 46845; phone - 489-7212. Great to have you with us officially, Eric!

WOMEN'S REALITY SEMINAR - COMING IN JANUARY

4 week Seminar on Women's Reality for women and men who care about women. Wednesdays, January 17, 24, 31 and February 7 from 7:00 - 8:30 p.m.

Two Saturday Seminars on grief on January 13 and 20 from 9:00 - 11:00 a.m.

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GRIEF SEMINAR

On Saturdays, January 13 and 20, 9:00 - 11:00 a.m., Dick and Linn will offer seminars on grief at the church. This seminar will look at the nature and character of grief as it confronts us in our daily lives.

Please RSVP your participation by calling the office (744-3239) by Wednesday, January 10.

CHOIRS' SCHEDULE

The Carillon - Thursday, January 4, 5:30 p.m.

The Chancel Choir - Thursday, January 4, 7:00 p.m.

The Jubilations - Wednesday, January 10, 5:00 p.m.

Creative Arts - Wednesday, January 10, 6:30 p.m.



BOARD MEETING - Tuesday, January 9, 7:30 p.m.

CWF EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE meeting on Saturday, January 6, 9:00 a.m. in the Board room.

Dear Friends,

Early this fall Mary Divis, Director of Lutheran Child Care at Redeemer Lutheran Church contacted us about using our facility to establish a satellite day care program. There are approximately 100 children on the waiting list for the program at Redeemer.

After conferring with Outreach and Service, Christian Education and Property and determining that there is limited use of the lower level of the educational building, fellowship hall, and kitchen during the daytime hours, (one circle meets in the board room once a month, another circle meets in fellowship hall once a month, the Monday Morning Study Group meets twice a month in the board room and there has been one luncheon in fellowship hall and several funeral dinners during the months of September, October, and November. The program would work around the use of fellowship hall and the other meetings could be held in other parts of the building such as the parlor which is comfortably furnished and thanks to Fellowship Guild, efficiently heated and cooled), I invited Mary and Rev. Keith Ingle, Director of Lutheran Social Services to tour the area. They have requested the use of the adult library, primary classroom, resource center and board room as well as the fellowship hall and kitchen.

After an architect Sam Calvin looked at the facility it was decided to file an application with the State. There is no assurance that the facility will pass code for a licensed day care center, but the state Fire Marshall will not conduct an inspection without an application being filed.

There would be a director on site, as well as a part-time custodian, teachers, aides and foster grandparents as part of the staff. The center would serve both pre-school and school age children. The school age children would be here before and after school hours. Food service would be brought in with minimal preparation on site.

Funding for the center would come from Title XX federal funds, Lutheran Social Services and the United Way. Our investment would be to bear a portion of the cost to bring the building up to code for licensed day care. The total cost of installing metal doors and frames, a fire alarm system, and creating a playground has not been determined.

If a day care center were established at First Christian Church it would be an outreach to the community as it would serve primarily minority, low income families. See items concerning the program at Redeemer for purpose and history.

It is my hope along with Outreach and Service, Christian Education, and Property that you will give serious consideration of this program because the need for day care is so great. By making it possible for parents to work or go to school we help to break the cycle of poverty and dependence on welfare.

Please call the church office if you have questions or comments.

Love,
Linn

HERITAGE AND POLITY WORKSHOP AT FIRST

Area I will sponsor a Heritage and Polity Workshop here at FCC on Sunday, January 21, 2:30 - 5:00 p.m. This workshop, part of our Disciple Awareness Campaign in Northeast Indiana will help us understand our structure and heritage. All are welcome. Don't miss this opportunity to learn more about who we are.

Call the church office to RSVP (744-3239).

HELP NEEDED

If you would be willing to provide transportation to worship for a person who is homebound or otherwise without a ride, please call Diane Johnson (744-3239) and let her know. Dick or Helen will be in touch with you to see if an arrangement can be made that is satisfactory for you and a person needing a ride. Thanks!

FROM PARSON TO PERSON

Dear Friends,

We have some truly interesting events coming up to kick-off our new year!

The grief seminar addresses a subject that touches the lives of all of us. How do we handle grief? What do we say to children? What do we say to friends who are grieving? How do you decide what to do at the funeral? What are the options?

The seminar on Womens' Reality is for women and for anyone who cares about women - that's about all of us, I'd say! This will be a fascinating look at the world of women.

The last General Assembly pointed up the fact that many of us Disciples don't really know much about how our denomination operates or what we stand for. This Heritage and Polity workshop to be held here on Sunday, January 21, 2:30 - 5:00 p.m., is a grand opportunity to get questions answered.

All of these events are worth your time and attention. Please do RSVP your participation by calling the office.

Have a prosperous New Year!

See you Sunday!

Love,

Dick

P.S. Sunday it's "Self Made?" based on Psalm 100.

JOYS & CONCERNS

Lucile Welch, a long time member of First, who moved several years ago to Pennsylvania, died December 8. Our prayers are with her family.

Carl Linn's brother died recently. Our thoughts and prayers are with him and his family.

Mark and Barbara Rayl (he is grandson of Glenn & Lola Miller) are the new parents of Amanda Robin. Congratulations!

Myrtle DeVinney is recovering from surgery at Parkview Hospital.

SPECIAL INVITATION

Dear Friends at First Christian Church,

The worship department and congregation of North Christian Church cordially invite you to a special Epiphany Vesper Service on Sunday evening, January 7th, at 7:00 p.m. This forty minute service will feature Nancy Morse as harpist. The Wisemen's journey will come to an end as the Christ of God is manifested to the gentiles.

As we worship together, members of First Christian Church may well recognize one of the Magi from the east. We think that all will find this evening an opportunity to quietly reflect on God's generous gift to us in Jesus. Please join us!



Pray for these...



REMEMBER IN PRAYER

IN THE HOSPITAL: Myrtle DeVinney at Parkview.

OUR SHUT-INS: Regency Place: Anita Fitch, Gladys, Hoop. Woodview: Arlynn Call. Brighton Hall: Gail Roe. Townhouse: Ruby Johns. Flinn Memorial: Pearl Heidecker. Lawton: Opal Perkins, Irene Wooldridge.

AT HOME: Cora Ann Harnish, Mary Higgins, Florence Huddleston, Fern Kenline, Irene Kissinger, Ruby Kolkman, Edythe Metcalf, Ruth Norton, Mary Piatt, Ralph Reynolds, Helen Sheerin, Ethel Shroyer, Fern Strole, Thelma Swift, and Ardith Wrisk.

D.M.A. - ALL WELCOME

On Tuesday, January 16, Eric Salna, weatherman of Channel 15, will be our guest speaker after a potluck dinner at the church. What a great winter to talk about the weather! Bring your friends, a covered dish, and an appetite for fun and fellowship. All are welcome!

SERVING DECEMBER 31

ELDERS

10:00 A.M. Tom Walsh and
Gene Klepfer

DIACONATE & GREETERS

10:00 A.M. C. Hatten-SW, J. Frank-
lin-NW, D. Ross-SE, D. Miller-NE, D.
Oden, S. Oden, K. Spencer, T. Davis

USHERS

10:00 A.M. C. McGrew, B. Haines,
D. Kreischer, H. Banet

JUNIOR USHERS

Josh Lytle & Brandon Falbe
COMMUNION PREPARATION
Lindsays & Mennewisch
COFFEE HOUR HOST
Laura York

EXTENDED SESSION LEADERS

Alison Knappenberger & Ken Taylor

ACOLYTES

Collin Miller & Brooke Spencer

LAY WORSHIP LEADER

10:00 A.M. Barbara Hayes

SERVING JANUARY 7

ELDERS

8:15 A.M. Judy Church and
Paul Champion

10:45 A.M. John Ohneck and
Kris Ohneck

DIACONATE & GREETERS

8:15 A.M. C. Ewing-SW, C. Long-NW,
J. Young, K. Graham

10:45 A.M. M. Knudsen-SW, D. Knudsen-
NW, B. Kerley-SE, S. Kerley-NE, D.
Kreischer, M. Quick, J. Bushey, T. Davis

JUNIOR USHERS

Sara Glasgow & Tracy Critell

HOMEBOUND COMMUNION

P. Champion - K. Graham
B. Franklin - M. Knudsen
J. Church - S. Oden
D. Kampenga - B. Kerley

COMMUNION PREPARATION

Odens & K. Taylor

SUNDAY SCHOOL HOSTESS

Judy Mey

LAY WORSHIP LEADER

8:15 A.M. Mildred Hartman

10:45 A.M. Tom Hayes

CHURCH CALENDAR

SUNDAY, DECEMBER 31

10:00 A.M. One Worship Service

MONDAY, JANUARY 1

OFFICE CLOSED

THURSDAY, JANUARY 4

5:30 P.M. Carillon

7:00 P.M. Chancel Choir

SATURDAY, JANUARY 6

9:00 A.M. CWF Executive Committee

Meeting in Board Room

SUNDAY, JANUARY 7

8:15 A.M. First Worship

9:30 A.M. Church School

9:30 A.M. Questions of Faith II -

Who Is Jesus?

10:45 A.M. Second Worship

4:30 P.M. CYF

7:00 P.M. Epiphany Service at North

Christian Church

TUESDAY, JANUARY 9

11:30 A.M. Rebecca Circle

7:30 P.M. Board of Trustees

WEDNESDAY, JANUARY 10

10:00 A.M. Rachel Circle

5:00 P.M. Youth Bells

6:15 P.M. Chi Rho

6:30 P.M. Creative Arts

THURSDAY, JANUARY 11

5:30 P.M. Carillon

7:00 P.M. Chancel Choir

SATURDAY, JANUARY 13

9:00 A.M. Grief Seminar

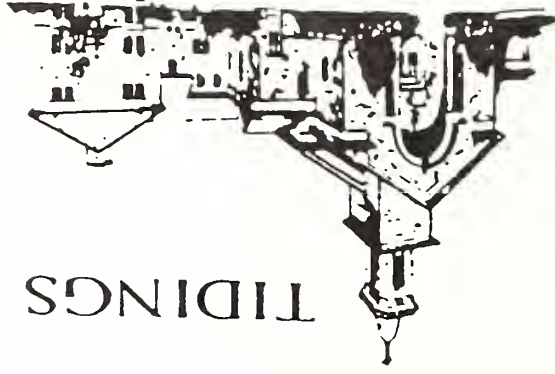
10:00 A.M. Jim Grimshaw's PRC Committee

11:30 A.M. New Church Committee at Saturn

BIRTHDAYS January 8-21

Bill Schilling, Jr. (8) Jack Williams (17)
Mike Callahan (8) Calvin Jones (17)
Kim Gross (9) Phyllis Brickley (18)
Myrtle DeViney (10) Chip Olson (19)
Scott Munnay (10) David Alexander (19)
Jeff Munnay (13) Chanel Novachoff (19)
Bev Kern (13) Michael Stonel (20)
Mark Lehman (13) Mark Snyder (20)
Lonetta Orr (14) James Plummer (21)
Jeff Young (15) Jim Bushey (21)
Mike Mullen (15) Heath Hudlow (21)

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